

Space Vacation



the International Space Station

Outer Space-A Nice Place to Visit?

Where will you go on your next vacation? Disneyland? Sea World? Outer space?

That's right; tourists are now paying big bucks to travel into space with astronauts! The first space tourist was Dennis Tito, an American businessman. In 2001, he paid about \$20 million to ride on a Russian rocket to the International Space Station. The Space Station circles 220 miles above Earth. Tito stayed on the station for a week, hanging out with astronauts and eating space food.

Another space tourist was Anousheh Ansari, an Iranian-born woman from the United States who went to the Space Station in mid-September 2006.

How safe is space travel? Apart from the risk of crashing, space tourists have some special things to worry about. Earth's atmosphere protects us from dangerous radiation from the sun. Space travelers are exposed to more of the sun's rays. But for tourists spending only a few days or weeks in space, the radiation probably isn't harmful.

A bigger problem might be space sickness. Without Earth's gravity to hold them down, visitors to the Space Station float around inside the craft. It may look like fun on TV, but it can make first-time space travelers dizzy and sick. Luckily, the sickness usually wears off quickly. Then space tourists can enjoy their trip-and the amazing view of Earth.

Name: _____ Date: _____

1. Traveling to space

- A. will be available to everyone.
- B. Is not expensive.
- C. will be limited to the very poor.
- D. will be limited to the very wealthy.

2. While in outer space it is likely that people will

- A. not need space suits.
- B. make side trips to Mars.
- C. get a sunburn.
- D. experience motion sickness.

3. It is probably so expensive to travel to space because

- A. astronauts want to make a lot of money.
- B. astronaut food is very expensive.
- C. space equipment and fuel is expensive.
- D. there are high taxes on space travel.

4. This passage is

- A. fiction.
- B. non-fiction.
- C. a biography.
- D. a poem.

5. Why are space travelers exposed to more radiation?

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1. What is a meaning of the word **expose**?

- A. mounting on the wing
- B. flash intermittently
- C. to leave unprotected

2. What is another meaning of the word **expose**?

- A. to confine
- B. articulate
- C. to uncover

Please use each answer choice only once. Choose the one word that best completes the sentence.

3. The tour group came to a large open space where soft lights _____ many beautiful colors in the cave.

- A. exposition
- B. expose
- C. exposing
- D. exposed
- E. exposes
- F. exposure

4. They may even die from _____ to the snowy cold.

- A. exposition
- B. expose
- C. exposing
- D. exposed
- E. exposes
- F. exposure

5. Its mouth gaped, _____ a fence of teeth like daggers.

- A. exposition
- B. expose
- C. exposing
- D. exposed
- E. exposes
- F. exposure

6. It also won a gold medal from the International _____ of Sanitation and Safety.

- A. exposition
- B. expose
- C. exposing
- D. exposed
- E. exposes
- F. exposure

7. During the 10 minutes it took to _____ the image, people had to sit still.

- A. exposition
- B. expose
- C. exposing
- D. exposed
- E. exposes
- F. exposure

8. The gravitational force of the Moon lowers the tide and _____ the land between the island of Mont Saint Michel and the coast of France.

- A. exposition
- B. expose
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9. Please write your own sentence using the word **expose**.

10. What would you like to remember about the meaning of the word **expose** so that you can use it when you write or speak?
