

1. Look quickly at the text. What is it about?

- a) The science researches in space
- b) The history of firsts in space
- c) The first woman in space

THREE STEPS INTO SPACE

Three people, Yuri Gagarin, Valentina Tereshkova and Neil Armstrong, all **(1) achieved** important firsts in **(2) space**.

Yuri Gagarin, a Russian, was always interested in space. He a (learn) to fly at college, and in 1960 he b (become) a **(3) pilot**. A year later, on 12th April 1961, he c (be) the first person to travel into space, in the **(4) spaceship** Vostok.

Two years later, a young Russian, Valentina Tereshkova, became the first woman in space. Tereshkova was a twenty-six year old factory worker. Then she d (join) the Russian space programme, and on 16th June 1963 she left Earth in Vostok 6.

Six years later, three Americans left Earth in Apollo 11. On 20th July 1969, they **(5) landed** on the **(6) moon**. Neil Armstrong e (leave) the spaceship and became the first person to walk on the moon.

2. Read the text about spacemen more carefully. Answer the questions in some words or numbers.

- a) Who was the first man in space? _____
- b) Where did he learn to fly? _____
- c) When did he travel into space? _____
- d) How old was Tereshkova when she became the first woman in space? _____
- e) What did Neil Armstrong do the first? _____

3. Are the following sentences true (T) or false (F)?

- a) The text is about three people who achieved important firsts in space. ____
- b) Yuri Gagarin became a pilot in 1961. ____
- c) Yuri Gagarin travelled into space on 22nd 1961. ____
- d) Valentina Tereshkova left Earth on 16th June 1963. ____
- e) Neil Armstrong became the first person to walk on Mars. ____

4. Correct the false statements: circle the wrong words and write correct words.

- a) Yuri Gagarin was never interested in space. _____
- b) He was the second person to travel into space. _____
- c) Tereshkova was a factory engineer. _____
- d) Neil Armstrong was an Englishman. _____

5. Look through the text again. Put the verbs in brackets into the correct forms.

- a) _____
- b) _____
- c) _____
- d) _____
- e) _____

6. Complete the sentences with the correct prepositions.
- a) My homework is to write _____ the history of space flights.
 - b) Yesterday we had a meeting _____ a famous Russian cosmonaut.
 - c) Last night I prepared _____ the history test.
 - d) Give your test _____ the teacher.
 - e) At school we learn the history _____ Russia.

7. Choose the best definition for the underlined words from the text.

(1) to achieve

- a) make a plan for the future
- b) get or buy something
- c) do or finish something well after trying hard

(2) space

- a) the place far away outside the earth
- b) the place above the earth where you can see the clouds
- c) the place where somebody or something is going

(3) pilot

- a) a person who is travelling in a bus, a car, an airplane, but not driving it
- b) a person who controls a car or a bus
- c) a person who flies an airplane

(4) spaceship

- a) a vehicle that travels in space
- b) a vehicle that has wings and can fly in the air
- c) a kind of an aircraft that can fly straight up in the air

(5) to land

- a) fly in the sky
- b) come onto a ground from the air or from the sea
- c) move your body in the water

(6) moon

- a) a large ball of burning gas in space
- b) the round object that moves around the earth
- c) an object in space that looks like a star with a tail

8. Answer the following questions about the UK (in Russian):

(see the bank of questions about the UK)