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Level 4

International Space Station gets air-filled extension

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THE READING

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NASA has inflated a special room as an extension to the International Space Station (ISS). It is four metres long and 3.2 metres wide. It took three days to inflate. The ISS crew must wait a week to check if it is airtight. The blow-up pod is part of a test on using inflatable accommodation in space. The capsule cost NASA \$17.8 million. This initial test should lead to more inflatable pods being used on the ISS.

The inflatable is the world's first blow-up space capsule. It was designed and built by Bigelow Aerospace. The company hopes to build hotels for space tourists. It is currently working on a project to build two private space stations. These could be used as hotels in space by 2020. Inflatables could be a big part of future space travel and tourism. They are small enough to transport as airless units, but big and strong enough to live in.

Sources: <http://the-japan-news.com/news/article/0002980277>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|----------------------------|-------------------|
| 1. It took three days | a. of a test |
| 2. The ISS crew must | b. to inflate |
| 3. check if it | c. the ISS |
| 4. The blow-up pod is part | d. \$17.8 million |
| 5. accommodation | e. wait a week |
| 6. The capsule cost NASA | f. test |
| 7. This initial | g. is airtight |
| 8. used on | h. in space |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. the world's first blow- | a. as airless units |
| 2. The company hopes | b. on a project |
| 3. space | c. enough to live in |
| 4. It is currently working | d. and tourism |
| 5. These could be used as hotels | e. tourists |
| 6. a big part of future space travel | f. up space capsule |
| 7. They are small enough to transport | g. to build hotels |
| 8. big and strong | h. in space by 2020 |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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NASA has inflated a special room (1) _____ the International Space Station (ISS). It (2) _____ and 3.2 metres wide. It took (3) _____. The ISS crew must wait a week to check (4) _____. The blow-up pod is part of a test (5) _____ accommodation in space. The capsule cost NASA \$17.8 million. This (6) _____ lead to more inflatable pods being used on the ISS.

The inflatable is the world's (7) _____ space capsule. It was designed and built by Bigelow Aerospace. The company (8) _____ for space tourists. It is (9) _____ a project to build two private space stations. These (10) _____ hotels in space by 2020. Inflatables (11) _____ of future space travel and tourism. They are small enough to transport as airless units, but big and (12) _____ live in.

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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SPACE TOURISM SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about space tourism in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.
When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

