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Level 5

International Space Station gets air-filled extension

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THE READING

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America's National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has inflated a special room for crew members to use. The inflatable pod is an extension to the International Space Station (ISS). It is four metres long and 3.2 metres wide. It took three days to fully inflate. ISS crew members must wait a week before entering it to check if it is airtight. The blow-up compartment is part of a test on the feasibility of inflatable accommodation in space, and of orbiting space hotels. The demo capsule cost \$17.8 million. This initial test should lead to bigger inflatable capsules at the space station.

The inflatable is the world's first blow-up space capsule. It was designed and built by Bigelow Aerospace. The company's founder Robert Bigelow has spent many years investing in and building hotels on Earth. He is currently working on a project to build two private space stations. These could be used as hotels in space by the end of the decade. He said he could see inflatables as a big part of space travel and tourism in the future. They are small enough to transport into space as airless units, but big enough and sturdy enough to live in, once filled with air.

Sources: <http://the-japan-news.com/news/article/0002980277>
<http://www.gizmag.com/beam-habitat-second-attempt-iss/43573/>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. National Aeronautics and Space | a. airtight |
| 2. crew | b. inflate |
| 3. It took three days to fully | c. capsules |
| 4. wait a week before | d. members |
| 5. check if it is | e. test |
| 6. part of a test | f. Administration |
| 7. This initial | g. entering it |
| 8. lead to bigger inflatable | h. on the feasibility |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. the world's first blow- | a. enough to live in |
| 2. the company's | b. of the decade |
| 3. He is currently working | c. with air |
| 4. These could be used | d. founder |
| 5. by the end | e. as hotels in space |
| 6. space travel | f. up space capsule |
| 7. sturdy | g. on a project |
| 8. once filled | h. and tourism |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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America's National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) has (1) _____ room for crew members to use. The inflatable pod is (2) _____ International Space Station (ISS). It is four metres long and 3.2 metres wide. It took three (3) _____ inflate. ISS (4) _____ must wait a week before entering it to check if it is airtight. The blow-up compartment is part of a test (5) _____ of inflatable accommodation in space, and of orbiting space hotels. The demo capsule cost \$17.8 million. This initial test should lead to bigger (6) _____ at the space station.

The inflatable is the world's (7) _____ space capsule. It was designed and built by Bigelow Aerospace. (8) _____ Robert Bigelow has spent many years (9) _____ building hotels on Earth. He is currently working (10) _____ build two private space stations. These could be used as hotels in space by the end of the decade. He said he could (11) _____ a big part of space travel and tourism in the future. They are small enough to transport into space as airless units, but big enough and (12) _____ live in, once filled with air.

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) _____

