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A Glorious Journey 辉煌旅程

Read the text below and do the activity that follows.

阅读下面的短文，然后完成练习。

Three Chinese astronauts returned safely on Sunday after orbiting the Earth on board the **Shenzhou-VII space capsule**.

The message to the world is clear: after a slow start in space, China is **catching up fast**.

The spacecraft touched down in the Mongolian desert to **rapturous applause** from mission control in Beijing. Millions tuned in to watch the historic moment on television around the world.

Mission leader Zhai Zhigang was the first to **emerge** from the capsule and he was incredibly proud of their achievement.

"It was a glorious mission, full of challenges with a successful end," he said.

The mission follows China's successful hosting of the Olympics and included the country's first ever **spacewalk**.

Mr Zhai wore a Chinese-made **spacesuit** costing up to £20million (220million Yuan), and stayed outside the capsule for 15 minutes while his team mates stayed inside, **monitoring his progress**.

This exercise puts China as only the third nation, after the United States and Russia, to stage a successful space walk. It is also seen as a critical progression in the country's three-step space programme, with the **ultimate aim to build a large space station**.

Is there a new **space race** underway now? Roger Launius of the National Air and Space Museum think there is. "It is an Asian space race. It's between China, Japan, maybe Korea, certainly India," said Mr Launius.

"The Chinese, because of their full service capability – humans, robots and military – are at this point in time the leaders in that race. But those other countries have a lot of **capabilities** too," he added.

Meanwhile, the families of the astronauts have to wait patiently as their space heroes **undergo** two weeks of **preventative quarantine**, just in case their body defences may have been weakened by the trip.

Glossary 词汇表

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| astronauts – 宇航员 | orbiting – 环绕 |
| Shenzhou-VII space capsule – 神州七号航天舱 | catching up – 迎头赶上 |
| touched down – 着陆 | rapturous applause – 热烈的掌声 |
| mission control – 太空航行地面指挥中心 | tuned in – 收看 |
| emerge – 出现 | capsule – 太空舱 |
| spacewalk – 太空漫步 | spacesuit – 航天服 |
| monitoring his progress – 监测他的进展 | ultimate aim – 最终目标 |
| space station – 宇航站 | space race – 太空竞赛 |
| robots – 机器人 | capabilities – 能力 |
| undergo – 接受（治疗） | preventative quarantine – 预防性的隔离 |

1. Reading Quiz 阅读测验

Are these sentences true or false? Circle the correct answer.

以下句子哪句是真?哪句是假? 请圈出正确答案。

1. Shenzhou-V carried three astronauts into space. True / False
2. The spacecraft landed in the Mongolian desert.
True / False
3. Japan is a contender in the Asian space race. True / False
4. Mr Zhai's spacesuit cost more than £20million. True / False
5. The astronauts have to undergo two weeks of quarantine.
True / False

2. Verbs 动词

Look at the phrasal verbs below. Can you match them to their definitions?

请看下列动词，请将它们与各自的定义对应起来。

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| 1. to blast off | a. to land somewhere. |
| 2. to rocket | b. to leave a launch pad. |
| 3. to touch down | c. to explode. |
| 4. to blow up | d. to rise sharply. |

Now complete the sentences below by using one of the verbs.

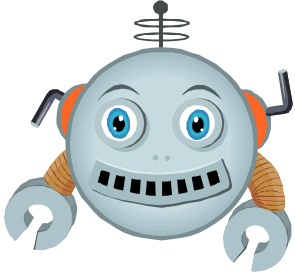
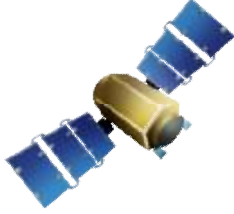

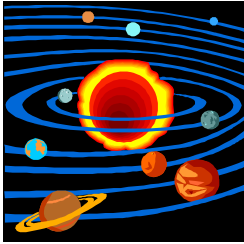
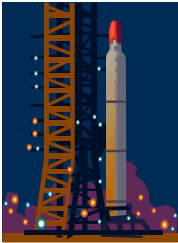

现在请用以上的某个动词完成下列句子。

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4. The mortgage interest rate is set to _____ as banks are unwilling to lend to potential home owners.

3. Label the Picture 标注图片

Look at the pictures below of things associated with space technology. Use the words in the box at the bottom of the page to label the pictures.

请看下列图片。它们都同航天有关。 请选词标注图片。

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astronaut orbit satellite robot rocket launch pad

4. Wordsearch 单词搜索

Try to find the words associated with space in the puzzle below.

There are ten words to find. Words can be written horizontally (g), vertically (i) or diagonally (m).

请在下面的字谜游戏中，找出与航空有关的英语单词来。

共有10个单词，其组成方式可能以水平的 (g) 垂直的 (i) 或对角的 (m) 形式出现。

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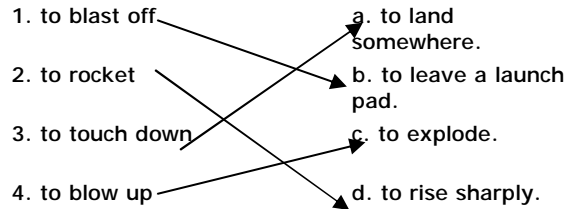
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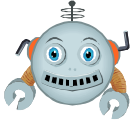


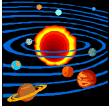


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