

UNIT 8

C1.1

1. Read this text about space tourism. Three paragraphs have been removed from the text. Choose from the paragraphs A-D the one which fits each gap (1-3), there is one extra paragraph which you do not need to use.

Space Tourism

Would you be interested in a vacation on Mars? What about a scenic flight past Saturn? Space tourism sounds like a thing of the future, but it's already happening today. Dennis Tito, an American multimillionaire, became the first ever space tourist in 2001 when he paid 20 million dollars for an 8-day stay on the International space station.

1

There are currently only a few companies involved in space tourism. SpaceX is a U.S. company which has developed its own rockets. In May of 2012, SpaceX used one of their rockets to deliver a payload to the International Space Station, becoming the first private company to do so. These rockets may one day be used to carry passengers into space.

2

Rockwell International has developed an experimental passenger cabin that can go in the cargo bay of the space shuttle. It can carry up to 74 passengers. But where would it take them? A number of companies have been experimenting with inflatable space habitats that may develop into space hotels in the future.

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A Another company involved in space tourism is Space Adventures, an American company that works with the Russian Federal Space Agency. Providing seats on Russian space missions for paying passengers, their packages include atmospheric and orbital flights with an optional spacewalk. In the future they may even offer trips to the moon. The cost? An eye-watering \$100,000,000.

B On October 4, 1957 the Soviet Union launched Sputnik, the first man-made object to orbit the Earth. It orbited the Earth at 18,000 miles per hour. In all the satellite stayed in space for three months. The space race between the USA and the USSR had begun.

C A trip into space can cost anywhere between 20 and 35 million dollars, so you'd better start saving now, although many space tourists get a better deal by signing up to do research activities while they're in space. Russia has provided most of the space tourism opportunities to date, but the Americans have allowed non-government representatives from companies to manage their payloads in space. Also, two congressmen have flown on space missions to garner congressional support for the NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration) space program.

D It is expected that the Space tourism industry will grow considerably in the future, but it will probably be a long time before the price comes down to a reasonable level. Unless you're a multimillionaire, you'll have to be content with a vacation destination down here on Earth.

2. Use the collocations in the box below to complete sentences 1-8. Make any changes

if necessary.

Make a mockery of	make up someone's mind	make progress	make a point of
Make an exception for	make progress	make a discovery	make amends for

- Sarah _____ ringing her father every week. He is a really important figure in her life.
- He wanted to _____ the inconvenience caused by offering a voucher.
- I feel stressed! I haven't _____ what to do for my birthday yet.
- The state bans smoking in restaurants and bars that serve food but _____ places that sell only alcohol.
- You can't be checking your phone every 3 minutes while we're having a conversation. This type of behavior _____ good manners.

6. Refurnishing this place will definitely _____ your overall opinion of it.
7. Thomas Edison _____ many important _____.
8. We're _____ slow but steady _____ with the decorating.

3. Choose 5 collocations from the previous exercise and make your own sentences.

4. Decide what the position of the adverbials in CAPITALS is in sentences 1-2 so that each sentence matches meanings a) and b) exactly.

ONLY

- a) Emma and I worked on the engineering project but we didn't work on anything else.
1. Emma and I worked on the engineering project.
- b) Emma and I, and nobody else, worked on the engineering project.
2. Emma and I worked on the engineering project.

EVEN

- a) Donovan has been to Antarctica in addition to everywhere else he's been.
1. Donovan has been everywhere – he's been to Antarctica.
- b) You might not expect Donovan to have been to Antarctica, but he has.
2. More and more people have been to Antarctica. Donovan has been there.

JUST

a) The only thing that Mary needs is some practice before she takes her driving test.

1. Mary needs some practice before she takes her driving test.

b) The phone rang immediately after he got into the bath.

2. He'd got into the bath when the phone rang.

MOSTLY

a) In Spain, it can be really hot in summer.

1. In Spain, it's really hot in summer.

b) Most of our fellow travellers were Spanish-speaking tourists.

2. Our fellow travellers were Spanish-speaking tourists.