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DIRECTIONS

Read the text and then answer the questions.

Sleeping in space can be tricky. There is no gravity, so astronauts can float around in space. Yet crew members still have to sleep. The space station has private rooms for sleeping. The crew members are anchored to their beds.

1. What is the text mostly about?

- (A) space
- (B) sleeping in space
- (C) sleeping
- (D) the space station

2. How do astronauts sleep in space?

- (A) They are attached to a bed.
- (B) They float around.
- (C) They don't sleep.
- (D) They all sleep in the same room.

3. Which word has the same suffix as *sleeping*?

- (A) ping
- (B) sleet
- (C) string
- (D) talking

4. Which is another meaning of *anchored*?

- (A) floated
- (B) attached
- (C) tucked in
- (D) glued

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A *comet* is a small solar-system body. A comet is a mix of ice, dust, and small rocks. It has a long tail made up of gas and dust particles. It can have a fuzzy outline called a *coma*. This happens when the comet gets close to the sun. Halley's Comet might be the most famous. It can be seen from Earth about every seventy-six years.

1. What is this text mostly about?

- (A) Halley's Comet
(B) comets
(C) the solar system
(D) the sun

3. Which is a compound word?

- (A) comet
(B) solar
(C) outline
(D) fuzzy

2. When does a comet have a fuzzy outline?

- (A) when it explodes
(B) when it gets close to the sun
(C) every seventy-six years
(D) Only Halley's comet has a fuzzy outline.

4. What does *tail* mean in this text?

- (A) back of a coin
(B) rear part of an animal's body
(C) end
(D) stream of gas and dust particles

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There used to be nine planets in the solar system. Pluto was the ninth planet. Today, Pluto is not called a planet. It is called a *dwarf planet*. It still orbits the sun like the eight planets, but it is smaller.

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1. What does this text tell you about Pluto?

- ☐ (A) Pluto used to be called a planet, and now it is called a dwarf planet.
- ☐ (B) Pluto is not a dwarf planet.
- ☐ (C) Pluto orbits the moon.
- ☐ (D) Pluto is the largest dwarf planet.

2. What makes Pluto similar to the eight planets?

- ☐ (A) It is far away.
- ☐ (B) It is cold there.
- ☐ (C) It orbits the sun.
- ☐ (D) It is very small.

3. Which is a proper noun?

- ☐ (A) planets
- ☐ (B) Pluto
- ☐ (C) today
- ☐ (D) there

4. What does *orbits mean*?

- ☐ (A) blocks
- ☐ (B) revolves around
- ☐ (C) covers
- ☐ (D) shrinks

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Inside the Space Station

The International Space Station is like a city in space. People from sixteen different countries helped build it. Astronauts live there. They study space. They want to know how humans can live away from Earth.

A crew stays on the space station at all times. The crew rotates. Up to six people can be there at once. This gives many astronauts a turn to visit.

Crew members eat there. They have no refrigerator and only a food warmer for cans. Astronauts used to eat only freeze-dried food. They would add water and have a meal. Now, their meals look more like what we eat on Earth. They keep food on a special tray that keeps the food from floating away.



astronauts in the International Space Station

Astronauts need to stay healthy on the space station. They work hard while they are up there. Rest is very important. Crew members have a private place to sleep. Exercise is important, too. Muscles and bones grow weak in space. Astronauts have to stay fit. They may use equipment to make sure their bodies stay healthy.

Life on the space station sure is interesting!

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1. Which is similar to the life explained in the text?

- (A) moving to a new house
- (B) getting used to eating food with water
- (C) getting used to living in a new country
- (D) looking at the stars in the night sky

2. What is a group of astronauts called?

- (A) a crow
- (B) a crew
- (C) a craw
- (D) a chew

3. Which definition of *fit* is used in the fourth paragraph?

- (A) appropriate
- (B) tantrum
- (C) correct size
- (D) strong and healthy

4. Which topic is **not** covered about life on the space station?

- (A) sleeping on the space station
- (B) exercising on the space station
- (C) eating on the space station
- (D) chores on the space station

5. Which gives the best summary of the text?

- (A) The space station is like a city in space, and astronauts work hard to learn about life there.
- (B) The space station was built by people from around the world.
- (C) Astronauts can eat regular food on the space station.
- (D) Astronauts must exercise.

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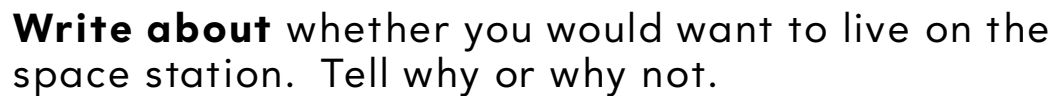
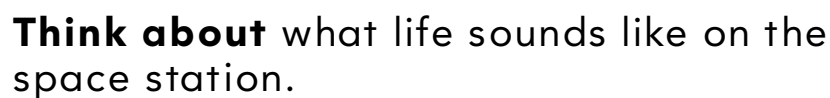
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