

Space tourism

Level

Intermediate and above

Tasks

Finding the 'odd one out' from a group of words which collocate with 'space'

Completing a timeline on developments in space exploration

Reading an article about the commercialisation of space

Creating sentences with business vocabulary from the article

Discussing issues arising from the article

How to use the lesson

- 1 Ask students to tell you the year of the moon landing: 1969. Does anyone remember watching this on TV? Write the word 'space' on the board. Hand out the worksheet and ask students to find the 'odd word out'.

Answer: outer

- 2 Ask students to complete the timeline with the letters (a-d) from the key. Students scan the article to check their answers.

Answers: 2004: (d) 2008: (a) 2010: (b) 2015: (c)

- 3 Students read the article again. Check they understand the term 'commercialisation'. Ask students to tell you what qualities are needed to become a space tourist. Deal with any other vocabulary items at this point, such as: extreme sport, weightlessness, scheduled etc.
- 4 Ask students to create statements about the business world or their own companies using the words and expressions taken from the article.
- 5 Ask students to discuss the questions in small groups. If students are very interested in the topic, they can develop a continuation of the timeline for question (c) and if possible, draw this on an OHT to present to the other groups. After each group has reported back their ideas, give any necessary language feedback.

Related websites

Send your students to these websites, or just take a look yourself.

<http://www.virgingalactic.com/>

<http://www.nasa.gov/>

http://www.scaled.com/projects/tierone/040929_spaceshipone_x-prize_flight_1.html

<http://www.xprizefoundation.com/>