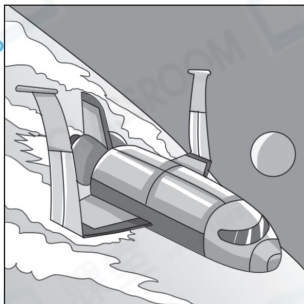


Read the magazine article.



### Space Tour

If you think travelling to another country is boring, you will be excited to know that you can join a space tour! Virgin Atlantic, a famous airline, formed a spaceline in 2004. It is called Virgin Galactic. In the future, people can buy a space ticket, ride on a spaceship and see what space is like.

At the moment, only astronauts can ride on a spaceship to space. Virgin Galactic plans to send anyone up to space like flying people from one country to another. The spaceline is testing the safety of its spaceships. The spaceship of Virgin Galactic looks like an airplane with bigger wings. The wings can turn in different directions because the air of Earth and space is different.

Passengers do not need to pack their things, but they have to take part in three days of training in the space centre. Remember those TV programmes that show astronauts floating inside the spaceships? This is what the passengers have to learn during the training.

The space tour will start in a few years' time. If you want to join, you will have to save up. The space ticket costs US\$200,000!

### Test your understanding.

- The article is from a \_\_\_\_\_.
  - A. travel magazine
  - B. pet magazine
  - C. fashion magazine
  - D. computer magazine
- What do the space tour passengers **NOT** have to do?
  - A. buy a ticket
  - B. learn to float
  - C. pack their things
  - D. go to a space centre
- Why can the wings of the spaceship turn?
  - A. The space is not safe.
  - B. The spaceship is not big enough.
  - C. The spaceship flies in different directions.
  - D. The spaceship flies from Earth to space.
- Read lines 14-15. What does 'save up' mean?
  - A. get money
  - B. keep money
  - C. spend money
  - D. borrow money

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