Vocabulary Worksheets

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Intermediate level


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Word List
Worksheet 1. Reading: Living in Space

Read this passage based on a real entry in astronaut Ed Lu’s journal. It was written in the spring of 2003 when he was on an expedition to the International Space Station. After you read the passage, answer the questions on the next page.

Living in Space

Life up here in space is very different from life down on earth. The main difference is this: on earth, things fall down to the floor, but up here, they don’t fall to the floor. Instead, they float in the air.

On earth, we walk from one place to another, but up here we don’t walk normally. We float around inside the module. It’s like flying. We go straight ahead until we grab onto something or we hit a wall. And sometimes we bump into objects. With practice, we learn how to control our movements. We push ourselves from object to object, or we move along and hold onto the handrails.

We don't have a real kitchen aboard the spacecraft, but we do have a kitchen table. We can't set things down on it, but we have bungee straps and Velcro on the tabletop so our food containers, spoons, napkins, etc. don’t fly away. If the salt flies away, we have to go after it to pull it back. Of course there are no chairs around the table. We float around the table while we prepare our meals and eat.

*space shuttle* = a vehicle that is designed to go into space and return to Earth
*module* = a part of the space shuttle that can separate from it
Worksheet 1, page 2

Answer the questions. Circle a. or b.

1. What is this passage about?
   a. An airplane trip
   b. How things work in space

2. How do people move around on a spacecraft?
   a. They walk normally.
   b. They float or fly.

3. What happens to things in space?
   a. They fall down.
   b. They float.

4. What do astronauts grab onto?
   a. A wall
   b. A handrail

5. What do astronauts often hit by accident?
   a. A wall
   b. A handrail

6. Which sentence is true?
   a. The astronauts sit down to eat together.
   b. The astronauts float around when they eat.
Worksheet 10. Crossword

Complete the crossword puzzle. Use the clues to figure out the words. Write the correct words across and down. Write one letter in each space. The first letters of the words are given.

**ACROSS**

3 Hold on to something
4 Be careful! Don’t _______ your head.
5 Basic and important
7 Good and delicious
8 Astronauts fly in a space _________.

**DOWN**

1 Something that doesn’t turn or curve is ________.
2 Very small pieces of bread, crackers, etc.
6 Add this to dehydrated food.

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Worksheet 2. Vocabulary practice

Choose the correct completion.

1. A sailboat in good condition doesn’t sink. It (floats / flies).

2. A vehicle that travels in space is a (spacecraft / sailboat).

3. When you are on a boat, train, plane, or spacecraft, we say you are (aboard / below).

4. A (wheel / module) is one separate part of a larger thing that can function by itself for a separate purpose.

5. The sides of the room are its (walls / ceilings).

6. A glass breaks when it falls and (drops / hits) the floor.

7. When you reach the corner, (go around / go straight).
   Don’t turn right and don’t turn left.

8. These stairs are very steep, Grandma. Grab onto the (handrail / door) so you won’t fall.

9. Be careful when you get out of the car. Don’t (bump / turn) your head.

10. Jane and Dick don’t eat meat. (Rarely / Instead) they eat vegetables. They’re vegetarians.

11. Traffic lights and traffic signs (control / hold onto) the traffic.

12. When I shop in the supermarket, I (pull / push) the shopping cart in front of me.

13. When I travel with my suitcase, I (pull / push) my suitcase behind me.

14. Sometimes I tie several suitcases together with a (tire / bungee strap).

15. (Glass / Velcro®) consists of two pieces of material that stick together. It is useful on a spacecraft because it holds things on surfaces.
Worksheet 3. **Opposites**

Complete the sentences with the letter of a word or phrase in Column B.

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<td>3. The opposite of <strong>different</strong> is ____.</td>
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<td>4. The opposite of <strong>down there</strong> is ____.</td>
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<td>6. The opposite of <strong>inside</strong> is ____.</td>
<td>f. Same</td>
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<td>7. The opposite of <strong>push</strong> is ____.</td>
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<td>8. The opposite of <strong>going straight ahead</strong> is___.</td>
<td>h. Float</td>
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Worksheet 4. Reading: An Astronaut’s Journal

This reading is based on an entry from astronaut Michael Lopez-Alegria’s journal. It was written November 13, 2006 on an expedition to the International Space Station. Read the passage and answer the questions.

Flight Engineer Thomas Reiter and Commander Michael Lopez-Alegria share a meal together. Image credit: NASA

An Astronaut’s Journal

We do some ordinary things every day up here in space. For example, we eat three meals a day. The food on the spacecraft is plentiful and tasty, but it is not gourmet style!

We don’t have a refrigerator, and, of course, we are not able to get new food during our flight. All the meals are dehydrated or “canned” in plastic containers. But, we also have chocolates, crackers, cookies, tortillas (no bread – too many crumbs), various kinds of nuts and other items. Drinks also come in a bag and we prepare them in the same way as the dehydrated food. We have several juices as well as tea, coffee, and, of course, water.

We don’t usually eat breakfast together (mine usually consists of juice and coffee), but we usually pause for an hour midday to have our meal together and almost always have dinner together.

Meals are our primary social time together. During the workday we are very busy. We perform our own tasks and we work in various modules aboard the station. Mealtime discussions range from technical topics to politics.

Circle T if the statement is true. Circle F if the statement is false.

1. T / F Astronauts eat three meals a day.
2. T / F They keep their food in a refrigerator.
3. T / F They eat food from glass containers.
4. T / F They have coffee, tea, and juices as beverages.
5. T / F They always have breakfast together.
6. T / F They never have dinner together.
7. T / F They work next to each other during the day.
8. T / F When they talk, they talk only about their jobs.
Worksheet 5. An Astronaut’s Journal: Snacks and beverages

Check all the words that can complete the sentence logically.

1. Coffee, tea, and milk are ________.
   □ liquids      □ beverages      □ drinks

2. A donut is ________.
   □ round        □ square          □ flat

3. Breakfast, lunch, and dinner are ________.
   □ meals        □ snacks          □ desserts

4. Chocolate is ________.
   □ brown        □ sweet           □ sour

5. Pizza is ________.
   □ similar to rice       □ a kind of ice cream       □ popular all over the world

6. Crackers are ________.
   □ fruits        □ vegetables       □ similar to cookies

7. You can make juice from ________.
   □ oranges       □ grapes           □ milk

8. Eggs ________.
   □ grow on trees   □ are usually pink   □ come from chickens

9. Candy ________.
   □ is good for your teeth       □ is a snack       □ contains sugar or a sugar substitute

10. Nuts ________.
    □ come from the ocean □ grow on trees   □ are a good snack
Worksheet 6. Present verbs: Vocabulary practice

Circle the letter of the sentence that means the same as the first sentence.

1. Henri is a gourmet cook.
   a. Henri cooks only very simple dishes, like hot dogs and hamburgers.
   b. Henri likes to cook complicated dishes, and they are very tasty.
   c. Henri never cooks.

2. Geography and math are ordinary subjects for eight-year-old school children to study.
   a. Eight-year-old children usually study geography and math.
   b. Geography and math are too difficult for eight-year-olds.
   c. Eight-year-old children usually like geography and math.

3. The food at the festival is plentiful.
   a. There is a lot of food.
   b. The food is delicious.
   c. There isn’t much food.

4. Water consists of hydrogen and oxygen.
   a. There are two things in water: hydrogen and oxygen.
   b. Water needs hydrogen and oxygen.
   c. Water has hydrogen, oxygen, and other things in it.

5. Television programs often pause for commercial messages.
   a. A TV program stops for a long time.
   b. A TV program stops for a short time, and you see some ads.
   c. A TV program starts late.

6. Everybody in the office performs his or her special task.
   a. Everybody does a lot of work.
   b. Everybody knows how to do all the jobs in the office.
   c. Everybody does only his or her own job.

7. My father spends all his time at his office.
   a. My father is rarely at his office.
   b. My father is often at home.
   c. My father is almost always at his office.

8. We usually eat lunch at midday.
   a. We eat lunch at midnight.
   b. We eat lunch in the early evening.
   c. We eat lunch around noon.
Worksheet 7. **Food categories**

Look at these typical menus for astronauts. Then complete the chart below the menus. Write each bolded word in its correct category.

**BREAKFAST** Here is what space shuttle commander Steve Lindsey chose for breakfast during flight day 2 on mission STS-104.

- **Granola with Raisins**
- Breakfast **Roll**
- **Pears**
- Vanilla Breakfast **Drink**
- Kona **Coffee with Cream**
- Earl Grey **Tea with Sugar**

**LUNCH** Here is what space shuttle pilot Pamela Melroy had for lunch during her tenth day in space on mission STS-92.

- **Chicken Strips in Salsa**
- **Macaroni and Cheese**
- **Rice with Butter**
- Macadamia **Nuts**
- Apple **Juice**

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Worksheet 8. Vocabulary review

Complete the sentences. Choose the correct word or phrase from the word pool and write it in the blank space.

Crumbs  Macaroni  Salsa
dehydrated  Pear  Space shuttle
Grab  Rolls  Straight

1. A __________________ is a kind of fruit.
   - pear

2. At Arnold’s restaurant, they always serve some tasty hot __________________ in a basket with dinner.
   - rolls

3. Do you like tortillas? Here are some tortillas, with some __________________. It’s a sauce made of tomatoes, onions, and spices.
   - salsa

4. __________________ is a kind of pasta. It’s like spaghetti, but the pieces of spaghetti are straight, and these pieces are small and curved. People eat this with cheese for lunch or dinner.
   - macaroni

5. Very often, tiny pieces of bread, cookies, crackers, etc. fall on the plate or the table or the floor. These little pieces are called __________________.
   - crumbs

6. Don’t turn right and don’t turn left. Just go __________________ ahead.
   - straight

7. Be careful with your purse. A thief could just __________________ it and run away with it.
   - grab

8. A: What’s are these?
   B: Oh, they’re __________________ mushrooms. You add water before you cook and eat them.
   - dehydrated

   B: No, we can’t see that. I think we’re looking at the planet Venus.
Worksheet 9. Which word doesn’t belong?

Check the word or phrase that does not belong in the group.

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<td>O tea</td>
<td>O bread</td>
<td>O water</td>
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<td>O play</td>
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<td>O frozen</td>
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<td>O plastic</td>
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<td>10. O break</td>
<td>O prepare</td>
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<td>O part</td>
<td>O section</td>
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<td>O outside it</td>
<td>O on it</td>
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Answer Key

Worksheet 1
1. b. How things work in space
2. b. They float or fly.
3. b. They float.
4. b. A handrail
5. a. A wall
6. b. The astronauts float around when they have their meals.

Worksheet 2
1. floats
2. spacecraft
3. aboard
4. module
5. walls
6. hits
7. go straight
8. handrail
9. bump
10. Instead
11. control
12. push
13. pull
14. bungee strap
15. Velcro®

Worksheet 3
1. c. in space
2. a. unimportant
3. f. same
4. b. up here
5. h. float
6. g. outside
7. d. pull
8. e. turning

Worksheet 4
1. T
2. F
3. F
4. T
5. F
6. F
7. F
8. F
Worksheet 5
1. liquids, beverages, drinks
2. round
3. meals
4. brown, sweet
5. popular all over the world.
6. similar to cookies
7. oranges, grapes
8. come from chickens
9. is a snack, contains sugar or a sugar substitute
10. grow on trees, are a good snack

Worksheet 6
1. b.
2. a.
3. a.
4. a.
5. b.
6. c.
7. c.
8. c.

Worksheet 7

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Worksheet 8
1. pear
2. rolls
3. salsa
4. macaroni
5. crumbs
6. straight
7. grape
8. dehydrated
9. space shuttle

Worksheet 9
1. milk
2. bread
3. play
4. go
5. extra
6. bad
7. alone
8. fresh
9. vegetable
10. break
11. whole
12. outside it

Worksheet 10
ACROSS
3. grab
4. bump
5. main
7. tasty
8. shuttle

DOWN
1. straight
2. crumbs
6. water
**Word List**

- aboard
- alone
- around
- astronauts
- bad
- bang
- beverages
- bread
- break
- bump
- bungee strap
- chicken
- contain
- control
- cookies
- crumbs
- dehydrated
- drinks
- extra
- float
- fly
- fresh
- go straight
- grab
- grape
- grow
- handrail
- hit
- how
- instead
- liquids
- macaroni
- main
- meal
- meals
- milk
- module
- orange
- outside
- outside
- pear
- play
- popular
- pull
- pull
- push
- roll
- round
- salsa
- shuttle
- similar to
- snack
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- space shuttle
- straight
- sugar
- sugar substitute
- sweet
- tasty
- things
- turning
- unimportant
- vegetable
- Velcro®
- wall
- water
- when
- whole
- work
- world.