



Shoot for the stars



Lead in

Look at the following quotes. What do you think the authors meant? Support your ideas with reasons and examples.

“Earth is the cradle of humanity, but one cannot live in a cradle forever.”

- Konstantin Tsiolkovsky

“I left Earth three times and found no other place to go. Please take care of Spaceship Earth.”

- Wally Schirra

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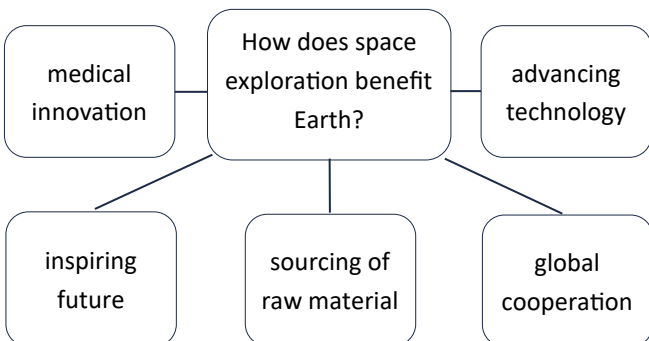
a. The pictures above illustrate the topic of ‘Space Exploration’. Which of the expressions below refer to each picture?

- conduct research • confined environment • countless possibilities • deliver cargo • fine-tune • health hazards
- insightful • launch vehicles • long-duration missions • new facets of • profound impact • planetary outposts
- portable • pursue • reliable and cost-effective • spacefaring nations • stimulate efforts • stem from • technological spin-offs • transform our understanding • ultimate goal • untouched • unknown frontier • view new vistas • zero-gravity • milestone • forge • lofty goals

b. Discuss: What has attracted humans to space? Has it changed with time?

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a. Use the prompts below to discuss with a partner. Which area is the most important?



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Use the word given to form a word that fits in the gap.

ACHIEVE

1. Many critics believe that a human flight to Mars is an goal.
2. A high at school, excelling in math and science, she dreamed of becoming an astronaut.
3. One of the greatest of man was the first space satellite, Sputnik.

EXPLORE

1. The spacecraft, which operated for more than 18 years, charted the regions of space above the poles of the sun.
2. Fixing the situation on ISS was the focus of committees and board meetings.

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