

Space Hotel Set to Open in 2012

Use the News

Comprehension Check

Does each statement below tell something true or false about this week's news story? Circle the letter T if the statement is true. Circle F if the statement is false.



- T F 1. The first trip to the "space hotel" is planned for 2012.
- T F 2. Each hotel pod will hold two guests.
- T F 3. The trip into space will start at a spaceport built on a mountain.
- T F 4. Travelers to the space hotel must train for eight weeks before the flight.
- T F 5. The trip from the spaceport to the space hotel will take about 3 days.
- T F 6. Passengers will circle Earth about once every 15 minutes.
- T F 7. Space hotel guests will wear special suits made of velvet.
- T F 8. Tour guides will take guests on a walk into space.
- T F 9. The trip to the space hotel will cost each traveler about \$40 million.
- T F 10. More than three dozen travelers have reserved a spot at the space hotel.

Main Idea

Color the circle next to the statement that best describes the *main idea* of this week's News for You story.

- Space hotel guests will wear special clothing.
- The first trip to a space hotel is scheduled for 2012.
- Some people say the 2012 trip will not blast off as planned.
- The space travelers will see the sun rise 15 times.

Vocabulary Builder: Idioms

In this week's news story, you read about people who say the space hotel is just "pie in the sky." Each sentence below includes a food idiom in bold letters. On the line below each sentence, explain the idiom's meaning in your own words.

1. Thomas needed money for the movie so he had to **butter up** his father.
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2. We should have known the **half-baked idea** would not work.
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3. Please don't **spill the beans** about the surprise party.
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4. My aunt's ring looked expensive, but she got it **for peanuts**.
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