Instructions: In the first box, write what you already know about private spaceships. In the second box, write what you would like to learn about them. After you finish reading, fill in the third box with information you learned from reading the book and the fourth box with what you still want to know.

K: What I Know



W: What I Want to Know

L: What I Learned

S: What I Still Want to Know

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Instructions: Authors generally write a book for a purpose: to inform, to entertain, or to persuade. Write the page number in the correct circle when you come across a strong example of the evidence supporting one of the purposes. When you are finished reading, write the evidence to show that example in the box.

Page: To Inform **Evidence:** DMH-ZC STATES Page: To Entertain **Evidence:** Page: To Persuade **Evidence:**



Instructions: Circle all of the adjectives in the sentences below, then underline all of the nouns or pronouns they describe.

- 1 The space shuttle was the world's first reusable spacecraft.
- ② Instead, NASA was returning to its original mission of focusing on space science and exploration.
- ③ In the 1960s, private companies began building their own communication satellites.
- ④ By the mid-1990s, smaller, newer companies were entering the space business.
- (5) It was a special competition to speed up development of private spaceships.
- (6) The small spaceplane then climbed past 62.1 miles (100 km), just beyond the edge of space.
- 7 Passengers aboard *SpaceShipTwo* will experience about six minutes of weightlessness before returning home.
- **8** The entire flight is expected to take about two hours.
- The winning companies would get money and technical assistance to build their designs.
- 1 Modern space stations are often put together from many pieces sent up from Earth.
- ① SpaceX then reuses the capsule and two parts of the rocket.
- 12 The ISS is the largest space station that has ever been built.



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Instructions: Write the words next to each example to show how you would read the numbers and symbols aloud.

135th one hundred thirty-fifth

Example:

1981 _____nineteen eighty-one

- ① July 21, 2011
- (2) 1980s
- ③ mid-1990s _____
- **(4)** 1996
- **(5)** 100 _____
- **(6)** 2004
- 7) 15.2
- **(8)** 4,828 _____
- 9 \$200,000
- 10 13.2

