Worksheet 4. Reading: The First Woman in Space

Read the passage. Then answer the questions below.

The First Woman in Space
The first woman in space was a Soviet cosmonaut. (The English word for “cosmonaut” is “astronaut.”) In June, 1963, Valentina Tereshkova went around the Earth in a space capsule 48 times in three days. She became a “Hero of the Soviet Union” and received many honors.

Valentina was a factory worker before she became an astronaut. She also knew a lot about parachutes because her hobby was parachute jumping.

She wanted to be an astronaut and wrote to her government about this. Her government chose her to become an astronaut. Then she received many years of training for the flight.

She married another astronaut, Andrian Nikalayev. He traveled in space too. They have a daughter Elena, a doctor.

Valentina never flew in space again. After her flight, she studied engineering and in 1976 received a degree in technical science.

Use the information in the passage about the first woman in space to complete the sentences. Cross out the incorrect completion.

1. An astronaut is (a cosmonaut / a star).
2. A space capsule is like (a pill / an airplane).
3. Valentina (got / gave) many honors.
4. Before Valentina was an astronaut, she was (an engineer / a factory worker).
5. You use a parachute when you jump (into / out of) an airplane.
6. Valentina wrote to her (company / government).
7. She (spent / waited) many years in training for the flight.
8. She married (an astronaut / an engineer).
9. She (often / never) traveled in space again.
10. She received a degree in (training / science).