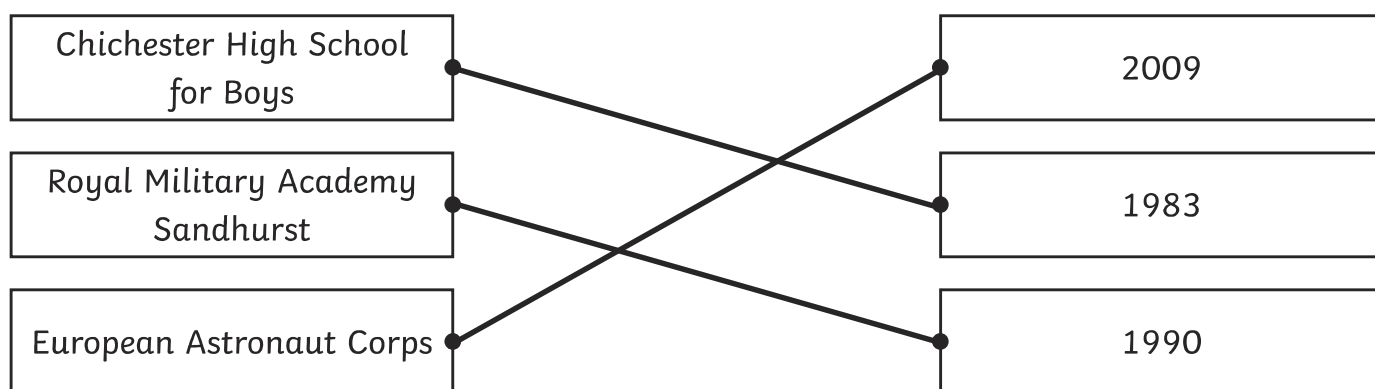


# Answers

1. As training progressed, Tim learnt survival skills and how to move in zero gravity.'  
What does **progressed** mean? Tick one.

- moved backward  
 **moved forward**  
 stopped  
 started

2. Draw three lines to match the educational establishment to the year that Tim started attending it.



3. Which job and training did Tim do in 2009?

**In 2009, Tim trained to become a test pilot by completing over 3,000 flying hours for his training.**

4. Why did Tim have to learn to speak Russian?

**Tim had to learn to speak Russian because it was the language used by the European Space Agency training programme.**

5. Find and copy a word from the first paragraph which shows that Tim had a great interest in flying.

**fascination**

6. Has Tim Peake had a satisfying career to date? Explain your answer.

**Pupils' own responses which provide explanation, such as: I think that Tim has had a satisfying career to date because he has always worked in positions he enjoys and he has been able to help other people in the jobs he has done.**

7. Why do you think that Tim has spent time working with children since his space mission?

**Pupils' own responses, such as: I think Tim has spent time working with children since his space mission so that young people will be inspired to become scientists.**

8. What do you think that Tim will do next in his career? Explain your answer.

**Pupils' own responses based on his life so far as discussed in the text, such as: I think that Tim will take part in more space missions to continue to test technology and how far astronauts can progress into space. I also think that he will continue to be involved in education such as working with more children and training astronauts to continue to inspire the next generation.**

# Answers

- Which one of these did Tim do as his first job? Tick one.
  - test pilot
  - instructor
  - fly Apache helicopters for the US army
  - pilot for the British army**
- Number the following statements in the order in which they happened in the text. The first one has been done for you.
  - 2** Tim left the army.
  - 3** Tim applied to become an astronaut.
  - 1** Tim became a pilot with the army.
  - 5** Tim completed the London Marathon from space.
  - 4** Tim manually docked with the ISS.
- What was the name of the awards ceremony that Tim attended via video link?  
**The name of the ceremony that Tim attended via video link was the Brit Awards.**
- Fill in the missing words in this sentence:  
In 2009, following numerous **exams and assessments**, Tim received a phone call from the ESA congratulating him and offering him one of the six available places to train to be an astronaut with **the European Astronaut Corps** in Cologne, Germany.
- Find and copy a phrase from the text which shows that Tim knew he had to apply to be an astronaut.  
**an excellent opportunity that he couldn't afford to miss**
- 'Tim zoomed back to Earth on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2016...'  
Why do you think that the author used the word 'zoomed' in this sentence?  
**Pupils' own responses, such as: The author has used the word 'zoomed' to emphasise the speed at which Tim travelled as mentioned later in the sentence (25 times the speed of sound).**

7. Why do you think that Tim is so popular?

**Pupils' own responses, such as: I think Tim is so popular because he does a job that many people would love to do, he does a lot to promote science and space with young people which gets them excited and he made a lot of British people feel proud when he completed his spacewalk.**

8. How is Tim Peake similar to another famous explorer or scientist?

**Pupils' own responses, such as: I think Tim Peake is similar to Buzz Aldrin because he too has made groundbreaking progress in space exploration and has become a public inspiration.**

9. Do you think that Tim will still be an astronaut five years from now? Explain your answer.

**Pupils' own responses, such as: I think Tim will still be an astronaut five years from now because he will want to continue to use his knowledge and training to inspire the next generation and participate in further exploration into space.**

# Answers

1. In 2005, Tim trained to be an instructor, joining the prestigious Empire Test Pilots' School...' What does **prestigious** mean? Tick one.

- distinguished**
- underprivileged
- affluent
- wealthy

2. When was Tim's competence most tested? Tick one.

- during astronaut training
- during the Balkan Wars**
- when he applied to be an astronaut
- when he worked as a test pilot

3. 'Tim... enjoyed a stable upbringing...'

What do you think the word **stable** means?

**Accept any answer with an appropriate definition, such as: I think the word 'stable' means steady, calm or secure.**

4. Find and copy the names of **two** astronauts who participated in the journey into space with Tim.

**Yuri Malenchenko**

**Tim Kopra**

5. Find and copy a phrase from the text which shows that the astronauts experienced difficulties when docking with the ISS.

**the docking procedure did not happen smoothly**

6. Explain why the author has organised this text with sub-headings.

**Accept any reasonable explanation for the use of sub-headings within the text, such as: The author has used sub-headings to make the text easy to navigate and to clearly outline what is in each section for the reader.**

7. Summarise what you have read in paragraphs 6-8 in one sentence.

**Accept any reasonable summary of the section 'European Space Agency' given in one succinct sentence, such as: Tim was successful with his application to become an astronaut meaning he completed a training programme with the European Astronaut Corps, including survival skills and how to move in zero gravity.**

8. Why might Tim have left the army after 18 years?

**Pupils' own responses, such as: After 18 years, I think Tim may have wanted a change. He had always been keen to become an astronaut and now was his chance.**

9. Explain why you think Tim spends time working with children.

**Accept any suitable answer, such as: I think that Tim works with children to inspire them to gain an interest in science and the possibility of becoming an astronaut in the future.**

10. Do you think that Tim will change careers in the future? Give evidence to support your answer.

**Pupils' own responses which provide evidence from the text in support of the answer, such as: Yes, I think Tim will change careers in the future because he has changed careers many times in the past so he is likely to do so again.**