

To Go or Not To Go?

An activity of "Dangerous Tours: Space tourism takes off".

Read "Dangerous Tours: Space tourism takes off" (page 11, *What's Up* July 2023).

A sub-orbital flight ticket costs more than half a million Singapore dollars! If you had the money and the opportunity to be on Virgin Galactic's flight to space, should you go?

1. To go on this flight, consider the following:

- You have over half a million dollars — just enough to pay for the ticket.
- You need permission from your parent/guardian and principal to be absent from school for a month and to travel to USA to undergo space training.
- Your parent/guardian must sign a waiver to say that they will not hold Virgin Galactic responsible for any accidents during the sub-orbital flight.

To help you decide if you should go, list as many pros and cons as you can think of. Use the article to help you. Then, weigh each item using the scale below:

0 – not important to me at all

3 – very important to me

1 – of slight importance to me

4 – extremely important to me

2 – of average importance to me

5 – more important to me than anything else

If I could, would I go for the Virgin Galactic sub-orbital flight next month?			
Pros	Weight	Cons	Weight
Total		Total	

Add up the scores. Whichever score is higher will point you to the answer.