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True or False?

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

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to go to space? Or to experience weightlessness? Read about Virgin Galactic's first commercial sub-orbital flight for tourists in "Dangerous Tours: Space tourism takes off" (page 11, *What's Up* July 2023). Then, circle "True" for the correct statements and "False" for the incorrect ones below.

1. In the past, only professional astronauts went to space because tourists could not afford to pay for tickets.	True	False
2. The first paying passengers for Virgin Galactic's sub-orbital flight were three Italians.	True	False
3. The carrier plane VMS Eve took almost an hour to reach a height of about 13.5km.	True	False
4. The passengers were in the VSS Unity during the entire flight.	True	False
5. Virgin Galactic's sub-orbital flights are able to reach peak heights of 85km above sea level due to its plane-like capsule.	True	False
6. The passengers unlocked their seat belts when they heard the words, "Release, release, release."	True	False
7. During the flight, the passengers spent more than ten minutes floating in microgravity before strapping themselves back into their seats.	True	False
8. VSS Unity glided and returned to Spaceport America without using its rocket.	True	False
9. Upon their return, these three passengers can now call themselves astronauts, according to NASA's definition.	True	False
10. Virgin Galactic has planned another sub-orbital flight to take place in August.	True	False