

ARTICLE ABOUT A RECENT EVENT

Before You Write

A Read the article. Where might you find an article like this?

CHINA'S FIRST PILOTED SPACE MISSION

Beijing – For years, the Chinese dreamed of going into space. In October 2003, Yang Liwei became the first astronaut sent into space by China. He orbited Earth for 21 hours before landing safely in northern China on October 15. Yang's flight made China the third nation to send a piloted mission to space.

China has been investing in space programs since the mid-1950s. It was only in 1992 that the country

officially launched a piloted spaceflight program, later named Shenzhou (Divine Vessel). From 1992 to 2010, the country succeeded in sending six Chinese astronauts into space.

Some people believe that the Chinese will soon be launching more flights. The country is working on building its own space station. The Chinese Space Program is also planning to have missions to the moon and Mars in the future.

B Number the topics in the order they appear.

☐ background information ☐ future developments ☐ China's first piloted spaceflight

Your First Draft

A Think of three recent events. Complete the chart.

Event	Background information	Future developments

B Write an article about one of the events. Use the information in your chart and the article above as a model.

C PAIR WORK Read your partner's article. Write answers to these questions.

1. Is the article accurate?
2. Is the sequence of events clear?
3. Can you suggest any improvements to the content or grammar?

Your Second Draft

Use your partner's answers to revise your article.