

## Grammar Bite No. 50 ☆☆☆

## Worksheet

### Space or room?

1 **Space.** We mean there's nothing there, the area is empty, and it probably should be empty.

**Outside the earth's atmosphere, there is nothing: space.**

**We leave spaces between words when we write.**

2 **Room.** We usually mean "room for something":

**There isn't room for another chair in this row.**  
**"Can you make room for a little one?"**

**Space** is uncountable (*outer space*) or countable:  
*Some writers leave two spaces after a full stop.*

**Room** is uncountable (*make room*). (If it is USED AS a countable noun, it changes meaning: *there are seven rooms in this house*.)

But notice "THE SWITCH" 

*space*  = *empty area*

*room*  = "*for something*"

**Space** can sometimes switch to meaning **room**, but **room** cannot switch to mean **space**:

There is sufficient room / space for a table and four chairs.

BUT Personal space / ~~room~~ is a cultural question.

But sometimes *room* can't switch:

I need more leg room / ~~space~~.

### Put one of these words in each blank:

**space room**

1 Twelve people have walked on the moon, all wearing \_\_\_\_\_ suits.

2 It's a small car; there isn't \_\_\_\_\_ for three in the back.

3 "Make \_\_\_\_\_ for Mike, he wants to sit down."

4 The form ends with a \_\_\_\_\_ for the respondent's name and address.

5 There's \_\_\_\_\_ in the trunk for three suitcases.

6 "Don't invade my personal \_\_\_\_\_!"

7 This is a small garden, and \_\_\_\_\_ is limited.

8 I can hardly move, I need more leg \_\_\_\_\_.

9 Watch this \_\_\_\_\_!

10 We need to give them more \_\_\_\_\_ for manoeuvre.

11 I saw him three times in the \_\_\_\_\_ of two weeks.

12 We will see more \_\_\_\_\_ travel in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

13 "There was no \_\_\_\_\_ at the Inn."

14 I need more elbow \_\_\_\_\_, I'm not comfortable.

15 In the \_\_\_\_\_ of an hour we saw three tigers.

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