

Would You Travel in Space?

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Graphic Organizer (before and during reading)

Record the pros and cons of space travel as you read the text.

Pros	Cons

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Multiple Intelligences
Intrapersonal, Logical-mathematical

What do you think you would like, dislike, and find interesting about being an astronaut? Record your answers in the table.

Like	Dislike	Interesting

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🔍 Code Breaker

Locate these specialized words in the book and write a sentence using each one.

air pressure

asteroids

astronauts

atmosphere

gravity

microbes

robots

radiation

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☐ Meaning Maker

For things to work well during space travel, astronauts need to do things in special ways. Use the book to help you to fill in the answers below.

Action	Why?
Strapping in tightly during lift-off	
Forcing the inhalation of air during lift-off	
Eating fruit or vegetables within a few days of lift-off	
Strapping the food tray to themselves or a wall when eating	
Eating the food in a particular order	
Strapping themselves to the toilet	
Washing their hair with a wet cloth	
Attaching the sleeping bag to the wall	
Doing exercise	

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⦿ Text User

1. Does the title of the book tell you what it is about? Why/why not?

2. Did the title, cover illustration, and blurb make you want to read this book? Give reasons.

3. What will you remember about this book?

4. Can you relate to this topic? Explain.

5. What was the most interesting part of this book? Give reasons.

6. Did you find the glossary helpful in understanding new words?

7. What sorts of things does a reader need to know in order to find things quickly in a book like this?

8. How did this book help you to learn more about your world?

9. List some things that you know that you didn't know before you read this book.

10. Who do you think would enjoy a book like this? Why?

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● Text Critic

This book is a discussion. The reader gets two sides to the argument about space travel.

1. Do you think the writer presented both sides of the argument equally? Explain.

2. Find two sentences from the book that show the pros of space travel.

3. Find two sentences from the book that show the cons of space travel.

4. Do you think the author would like to travel into space? Give reasons.

5. If you had booked a seat to go into space and then read this book, do you think you would change your mind? Give reasons.

6. Are there any pros that you can think of that the writer did not discuss?

7. Are there any cons that you can think of that the writer did not discuss?

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Discussion

Circle true or false for each of the following statements.

Chapter	Statement	True or False (Circle one)
Introduction	As the shuttle takes off, the crew cabin stays still.	True False
	The shuttle becomes lighter as it burns more fuel.	True False
	There is a countdown to zero before take off.	True False
Why Travel in Space?	There are about 6.6 billion people on Earth.	True False
	By the year 2050, the population could reach 9.4 billion.	True False
	It is very safe to travel into space.	True False
	Astronauts take note of all safety requirements.	True False
	People only go into space for fun.	True False
Life in Space	Life in space is similar to life on Earth.	True False
	Gravity is a problem for astronauts.	True False
	There are no water restrictions in space.	True False
	Astronauts lose a lot of weight in space.	True False
Dangers in Space	There are no dangers in space.	True False
	Spacecraft must be pressurized.	True False
	Fire is one of the biggest dangers in space.	True False
Accidents in Space	So far, there have been no accidents in space.	True False
	Christa McAuliffe was a teacher who won a contest to travel on the shuttle.	True False
	Apollo 13 was damaged by an explosion.	True False