

Down to Earth!

SPEAKING: Space



1- Answer the quiz questions with a partner.

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| i) What was the first animal in space?
a) a dog b) a rat c) tiger | iv) Neil Armstrong was the first man on the moon, but who was the second?
a) Buzz Aldrin b) Buzz Lightyear
c) Michael Collins |
| ii) How many planets have moons?
a) 2 b) 6 c) 10 | v) How many planets have rings?
a) 2 b) 4 c) all the beautiful ones |
| iii) Which two planets are Earth's closest neighbours?
a) Mars and Venus b) Pluto and Jupiter
c) The sun and the moon | vi) How much was the first tourist ticket to space sold for?
a) \$100 b) \$100 million c) \$20 million |

2. Discuss in pairs.

- 1) Would you like to go to space? Why (not)?
- 2) What do you think would be the most rewarding / challenging aspects of travelling to space?



WATCHING: Life on Earth

3. You will watch an interview with Scott Kelly, an astronaut who spent a year in space.

How do you think it changed him? Discuss your ideas in pairs.

4. Watch the [video](#) and check your answers.

5. Watch the video again and answer the questions below.

- a. What were the physical effects of being in space?
- b. What was the toughest part of being in space?
- c. What unique fact about Scott Kelly helped NASA's research?
- d. What does Kelly feel is his duty as an astronaut?
- e. Why does he feel he has changed?
- f. What is he enjoying now he is back on Earth?

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VOCABULARY

6. Look at the sentences from the video. Write the correct missing word in each space.

Privileged	Public face	Compassionate	Swollen
Bonus	<u>gravity</u>	Soreness	Struck
			Mock up

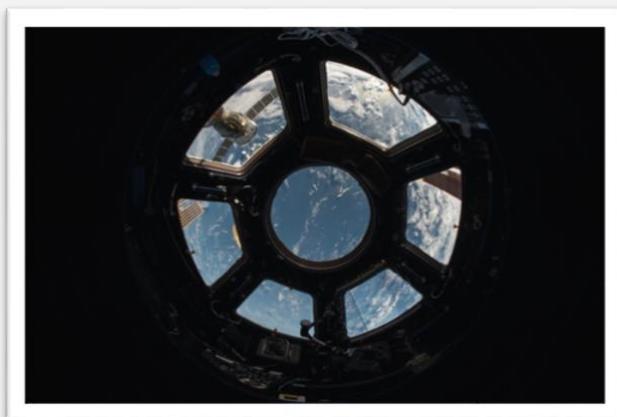
- Kelly posted a video on Monday writing: gravity gets you down.
- This is where Scott Kelly trained for that year in space. It is a _____ of the international space station.
- The _____ is just one of the effects of spending nearly a year in zero gravity.
- My legs are a little _____ still from the fluid that shifts up to our heads...
- It was something that I feel _____ to have got to do.
- Kelly came with a huge _____: an identical twin, astronaut Mark Kelly.
- I think it's part of our job, our responsibility to do that as the _____ of NASA.
- Kelly posted more than 700 stunning images on social media. The view _____ him too.
- After spending a year in space, I think I'm a little more _____ now.

Listen again and check your answers.

7. What do the words mean? In pairs, write definitions for them.

SPEAKING: A Year Away

8. Discuss in pairs:



- Would you like to spend a year in space? Why (not)?
- What do you think would be the most memorable moment of a trip into space?
- What do you think you would appreciate more after a year away from Earth?

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9. Below are the questions from the interview. Imagine you have just spent a year in space. How might you answer the questions? If you were the interviewer what other questions would you like to ask? Write another three.

Now, decide who is the astronaut and who is the journalist and role play the interviews.

Questions

- 1) What are the effects of spending a year in space?
- 2) What was the toughest part about it?
- 3) What did you do to have fun?
- 4) Did being in space change you?

Your 3 questions:

- 5) _____ ?
- 6) _____ ?
- 7) _____ ?