

Tales From Outer Space

Q1. How long has Madeleine been an astronaut for?

Q2. Why was she needed on the World Space Station (WSS)?

Q3. Why is better to study Mars from the WSS than it is from Earth? Explain using evidence from the text.

Q4. What event was the main factor in Madeleine's choice of career?

Q5. Write down three things that you are told about life on the WSS.

1.

2.

3.

Q6. *"I still get shivers down my spine when I recall hearing the tense countdown to take-off, and then the colossal roar of the rocket boosters."*

How do the words *shivers*, *tense* and *colossal roar* make the reader feel about rockets taking off?

Q7. What does the phrase “got her head in the clouds” mean?

Q8. Which of these is the best summarises the main idea of the whole text? **Tick one.**

- a) Exploring Mars is an important mission
- b) Becoming an astronaut is hard work
- c) There is a strict routine on the WSS
- d) Exercising in space is vital

Explain your choice using information from the text.

Q9. How does the final paragraph make the reader feel about the life of an astronaut?
Use information from the text to support your answer.

Q10. Use the words below in a sentence of your own – you may need to look up their meaning in a dictionary first before you write your sentence.

collaborate:

regimented:

sprawling:
