

**PASSPORT TO  
SPACE**

# Take a Tour of a Spaceship

What's it like to live inside a rocket that is zooming high above the Earth? Read on to find out!

**R**ockets once took astronauts to the moon. Now the U.S. is preparing to go back to the moon, and even to Mars. How will astronauts live, work, and sleep in a small **spacecraft** among the stars?

## What's inside a spacecraft?

**HATCH** Astronauts wiggle into the spacecraft through an opening at the top, called a hatch.

**FOLDAWAY SEATS** Astronauts lie on their backs with seatbelts during bumpy **blastoff**. The commander and pilot sit in front. The seats fold away after so they have more room.

**CONTROL PANEL** By touching a computer screen, astronauts help drive the spacecraft and talk to Earth.

**SLEEPING BAGS** Astronauts sleep inside sleeping bags attached to the wall. This stops them from floating into each other while they snooze! In space, they can sleep straight up or upside down because they are floating in almost no **gravity**.



Astronauts working in the small space inside a test spacecraft

**PERSONAL HYGIENE KIT** It includes a hairbrush (even though your hair will stick straight up in space) and a toothbrush. Water comes out of a hose in bubbles that astronauts catch with their mouths!

**SPACE TOILET** Behind a privacy curtain is a small toilet. It uses a hose with a funnel to collect liquid.

**TRASH CANS** Astronauts have chores in space, and that includes taking out the garbage. They use wet wipes to clean themselves and the ship.

**VIDEO CAMERA** So astronauts can chat with their family and friends!



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# What's in a Spaceship?

What new information did you learn about life inside a spaceship? Use the text to help you answer these questions.

- 1 What chores do astronauts do on a spaceship? Use details from the text in your answer.

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- 2 How do astronauts sleep in space?

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► What **heading** could you use to find this answer?

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- 3 Write down one of the **bold words** about space in the passage.

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► What do you think this word means?

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- 4 What did you learn from the **image** and **caption** in the passage?

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- 5 Compare how astronauts take care of themselves in space with how people take care of themselves on Earth.

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