

Famous British Astronauts

Helen Sharman was the first British astronaut to go to space. She was born in Sheffield and was a food chemist.

Her space mission was called Project Juno. Her rocket launched on the 18th May 1991. She spent eight days on the Mir Space Station where she spoke to schoolchildren on the radio.



Tim Peake became famous when he stayed on the International Space Station (ISS) for six months in 2016.

His training was hard. He had to learn Russian, train under water and live in an underground cave for a week!

He was the first British astronaut to do a space walk to repair part of the ISS.



Questions

1. Which country do both these people come from?

Tick **one**.

A. France C. United Kingdom

B. Spain D. Sheffield

2. Where was Helen Sharman born? Tick **one**.

A. ISS C. Sheffield

B. Space D. Mir

3. Why was Tim Peake's training hard? Tick **one**.

A. He had to learn many new skills.

B. He had to go into space.

C. He knew he was going to be famous.

D. He had to go to the ISS.

4. What was Helen Sharman's job before she went to space? Tick **one**.

A. airplane pilot C. engineer

B. teacher D. food chemist

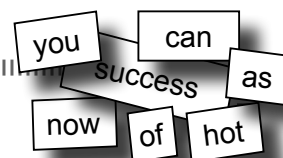
5. What do the initials 'ISS' stand for?

6. Tick whether each statement is **true** or **false**.

	True	False
A. You can only be British to go to Space.		
B. Helen spent eight days on the ISS.		
C. Tim Peake stayed on the ISS for six months.		
D. To be an astronaut you have to learn tennis.		
E. Tim Peake comes from Sheffield.		
F. Tim Peake had to learn Russian.		

7. What was Tim the first British astronaut to do when he was in space? Answer with a full sentence.

Word work



1. Find and copy **one word** which means the same as to fix.

2. Find and copy **one word** which is the opposite of easy.

Extension work



Class Discussion

1. Why do you think astronauts have to speak Russian?
2. How do you think Helen Sharman felt when she was the first British woman in space?
3. How do you think Tim Peake felt when he was chosen to go to space?
4. What do you think it was like training in a cave?

Pair or Small Group Discussion

5. What do you think the astronauts do on the International Space Station?
6. Why do you think teamwork is vital when you do a spacewalk to repair the ISS?
7. Do you think we will find another galaxy where humans can live?
8. If you could interview Tim Peake or Helen Sharman, what questions would you ask them?

Create/Design

9. Create a new rocket to take people to places like the Moon and Mars.

Write

10. Write a story about going to space and finding a new planet.
11. Write a short story imagining that you are on the ISS. You see something strange approaching Earth. What is it and what do you do?