

When reality meets fiction

1 Get ready Learn about NASA and space conquest. → **WB** p. 24-25

2 Discover your challenge

Join your team: Take part in a space camp conference about "Life in Space".

- a. Get information about one of these space topics.
- b. Roleplay: Give your presentation and answer the audience's questions.

3 Have your say

c. Do you find life in space fascinating? Would you like to be part of the space conquest adventures? Explain why.

Team A The International Space Station

Astronaut Kjell Lindgren talks to high-school students

Astronaut Kjell Lindgren arrived on the ISS two months ago. He accepted to speak to hundreds of students about life in space.

What inspired you to become an astronaut?
I've always been a big fan of science fiction... I've always had my head up in the stars... also my father was in the Air Force and I grew up on Air Force bases... all those things have influenced me...

What experiments have you done so far on the ISS?
I've been here for two months now: we've done medical experiments, we've managed to grow lettuce... we ate some yesterday and it tasted great!... I've been on two spacewalks... The last one was two days ago and I stayed seven hours in space.

Have you had any problems?
I've had a few surprises with zero gravity... you know everything floats around you... I've had problems moving around, eating and drinking but I'm ok now.

More about life on the ISS, visit collegien.nathan.fr/givemefive4

Adapted from www.spaceflightinsider.com/missions/iss/

Team B Space tourism

SPACE adventures **SPACE TRAVEL - THE ULTIMATE HOLIDAY EXPERIENCE**

Looking for a vacation¹ that costs up to \$50 million? It's no luxury resort, but traveling to space can be the ultimate adventure! It's very exclusive² – fewer than 550 people have ever been there, only eight of them paying tourists. The only way³ to buy a trip to the stars is through Space Adventures, a Virginia-based company. Clients have included billionaire Cirque du Soleil cofounder Guy Laliberte, British-American game designer Richard Garriott and South-African software millionaire Mark Shuttleworth.

Charles Simonyi is the only tourist who's gone twice. He flew to the ISS in 2007 and 2009, paying a total of around \$60 million. He spent 12 days on the ISS, taking part in medical experiments. Of course, he spent a lot of time gazing out⁴ at the globe.

"It's the speed that's the most amazing. Every 90 minutes, you see spring, you see fall⁵, you see the Arctic, you see the tropics, you see night, you see day," he said.

"An experience like that changes your perspective on life and on the world."

Mark Shuttleworth

Adapted from www.forbes.com

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Team C The Mars Generation

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JOURNEY TO MARS

Hello, my name is Alyssa Carson. Check out my video and find out who I am!

I think the **NASA Journey to Mars** program is fascinating. In the 1960s, we went to the Moon¹, then we had the Space Shuttle² program.

Now, NASA is on a journey to Mars, and will send humans to the Red Planet in the 2030s.

Mars is the next frontier for human exploration. We will get there, land there, and live there.

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