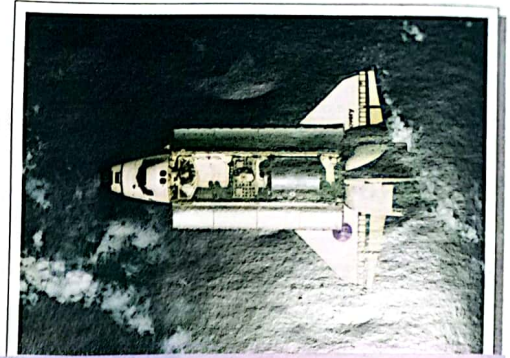


Unit 5

1 Look at the text below. What is it?

- a a blog b a newspaper article c a biography

2 Look and read. What kinds of things do astronauts do in space?



Stephanie Wilson is an astronaut who is a **mission specialist** for NASA. She was the second African American woman to go into space. After **training** as an **engineer**, she was selected by the NASA **space programme** in 1996. She went on her first **space mission** in 2006, which was on board the space shuttle *Discovery*. This **shuttle mission**, which spent 13 days in space, was to **test new equipment** and to **increase the safety** of space shuttles.



Working in space is a difficult job. Astronauts have to train for thousands of hours at a **space centre**, which is in the USA, to **qualify for** a space mission. **The majority of astronauts** first study to be an engineer before they become an astronaut. On their missions, they **do science experiments** and they **repair things** in space. They also take photos, which help us see and learn about the **beauty** of our planet.

Stephanie Wilson has got a **great deal of spaceflight experience**, which she has **gained** from **participating** in many interesting missions into space. Her last space mission, which was in 2007, involved a **spacewalk**. This is a very exciting thing for any astronaut to do!

3 Read and choose the best answer.

- 1 Stephanie Wilson is an astronaut who works ...
a on space missions b on the moon c in Africa
- 2 Her job is ... a an engineer b a mission specialist c a scientist
- 3 She went on her first space mission in 2006, which was to ...
a test new equipment b train for the space programme c take photos
- 4 Astronauts must train for thousands of hours ...
a in space b in a space shuttle c at a space centre
- 5 On her last space mission, Stephanie Wilson ...
a repaired a broken space shuttle b did a spacewalk c took photos of the Earth

4 Read, think and discuss.

- 1 Do you think being an astronaut is a dangerous job? Why/Why not?
- 2 Would you like to travel into space? Why/Why not?

5 Find these words and expressions in the text. What do they mean? Check in your dictionary. Write the definitions in your notebook.

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