

New Words

orbit launched mission capsule parachute
 spacecraft reusable shuttle International Space Station

A Read this Space Travel Fact File. Fill in the missing pictures and words on the timeline.

1947	The first animals to be launched into space were fruit flies. Their mission lasted a few minutes. They came back to Earth, alive and well, in a capsule with a parachute.
1957	A Russian dog called Laika was the first animal to orbit Earth, on board the spacecraft <i>Sputnik 2</i> . Laika means 'barker' in Russian.
1961	The first man in space was Yuri Gagarin. He made one orbit of Earth on board the spacecraft <i>Vostok 1</i> . The mission lasted about two hours.
1963	The first woman in space was Valentina Tereshkova. She spent three days in space.
1969	The first men on the moon were Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin from the spacecraft <i>Apollo 11</i> . They spent over two hours on the moon and their whole mission lasted eight days.
1981	The first reusable spacecraft, the space shuttle, was launched.
2000	The first crew went to live aboard the International Space Station.

Timeline of Space Travel Milestones:

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- 1961**: First man in space. (Image: Yuri Gagarin)
- 1963**: First woman in space. (Image: Valentina Tereshkova)
- 1969**: First men land on the moon. (Image: Apollo 11 moon landing)
- 1981**: First reusable spacecraft is built. (Image: Space Shuttle)
- 2000**: First crew live on the International Space Station. (Image: International Space Station)