

5-7 YEAR OLDS
COMPREHENSION

Below are some activity ideas to support your child with comprehension.

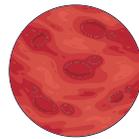
CHALLENGE ONE

Have a go at reading the text below. Read it to someone at home, or ask them to read it with you. Answer the questions below the text.

After a long day at work, there's nothing like a good night's sleep! Sleeping on board the International Space Station (ISS) is a bit different for astronauts than it is for you at home. Zero gravity in space means that astronauts float around so they must sleep in sleeping bags that they attach to the walls, ceiling or floor. This means they will not bump into anything as they sleep! Space Station crews usually sleep in sleeping bags. On the Space Station there are two small crew cabins. Each one is just big enough for one person. Inside both crew cabins is a sleeping bag and a large window to look out in space. There are 16 sunsets and sunrises every 24 hours on the ISS, so it is not easy to know when it is time to sleep!

1. Underline or write down the key words from the text that help you to identify the main idea.
2. Write a suitable title or heading for the text.
3. Write a sentence or two to summarise what you have read.
4. Write down a sentence from the text that gives supporting details.
5. Why do astronauts float around in space?
6. How many sunrises and sunsets are there every 24 hours on the ISS?

CHALLENGE TWO



Look at the starting sentence below. Do some research with someone at home and add some sentences to make this a complete paragraph. Can you give your paragraph a suitable title?

At 600 km wide and 21 km high, Olympus Mons is a volcano on Mars that may still be active, according to scientists.

CHALLENGE THREE

Imagine that you have discovered a brand new planet! Complete an astronaut report to send to Mission Control about what you have found. Draw your planet and answer the questions below:

- What does your planet look like?
- Who lives on the planet?
- Where has it been discovered?

Parents – We would love for you to share your child's work with us on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram using #exploreathome