

INFORMATION GAP ACTIVITY TO PRACTICE QUESTION WORDS

Divide students into pairs and give each student a gapped text about the life of the Russian astronaut Valentina Tereshkova.

Each student asks 'Wh-' questions to the other student in order to complete the text.

STUDENT A

Valentina Tereshkova was born on 1), 1937. Her father was **a tractor driver**. Valentina's mother worked in a textile plant.

Valentina started school in **1945** when she was 2) old. She left school **to begin working in a textile plant** in 1953. She was able to continue her education through correspondence courses.

Valentina became interested in parachute jumping when **she was young**.

3) was one of the reasons she was picked for the cosmonaut program.

On **June 16, 1963** Valentina Tereshkova was launched into space aboard 4) spacecraft. She became the first woman to travel in space. Valentina Tereshkova made 5) orbits of Earth. She spent almost three days in space.

STUDENT B

Valentina Tereshkova was born on **March 6**, 1937. Her father was a 1)Valentina's mother worked in a textile plant.

Valentina started school in 2) when she was **eight years old**. She left school to 3) in 1953. She was able to continue her education through correspondence courses.

Valentina became interested in parachute jumping when 4)

Her parachute jumping was one of the reasons she was picked for the cosmonaut program.

On 5) Valentina Tereshkova was launched into space aboard **Vostok 6** spacecraft. She became the first woman to travel in space. Valentina Tereshkova made **48** orbits of Earth. She spent almost three days in space.

KEY

STUDENT A Questions:

- 1) When was Valentina Tereshkova born?
- 2) How old was Valentina Tereshkova when she started school?
- 3) Why was she picked for the cosmonaut program?
- 4) What was the name of the spacecraft?
- 5) How many orbits did she make?

STUDENT B Questions:

- 1) What was her father's job?
- 2) When did Valentina start school?
- 3) Why did she leave school?
- 4) When did she become interested in parachute jumping?
- 5) What date / When was she launched in space?