

FUN & QUIZZES

Up, up and away!

- 1) What does the acronym NASA stand for?
- 2) Name the first woman in space?
- 3) Who was the first American in space?
- 4) Who said: "The eagle has landed!"
- 5) Who was the first person ever to spacewalk?

Who Am I?/Where Am I?/What Am I?



Can you name the object in this photograph?

Can you fill in the spaces of these popular songs?

1. Catch a falling _____
2. It's only a paper _____
3. _____ River
4. _____ Man
5. _____ Dust
6. Fly me to the _____
7. The _____ has got it's hat on
8. Here comes the _____
9. Dancing in the _____ light
10. Seasons in the _____

This is Your Life...

WALLY FUNK—THE OLDEST PERSON IN SPACE

BIRTH PLACE – Mary Wallace Funk was born on 1st February 1939 in Las Vegas, New Mexico.

EDUCATION – as a child she was interested in mechanics and flying. She had her first flying lesson at the age of 9. She graduated top of her class at St Stephen's College, Missouri in 1958. In 1964 her work in aviation was honoured when she became the youngest woman in the history of the college to receive the Alumna Achievement Award.

SPACE CAREER – Although aviation was her passion, in February 1961, at the age of 21 Wally volunteered for the "Women in Space" Programme run by William Randolph Lovelace, which had the support but not the official sponsorship of NASA. Only twenty-five women were chosen for testing and she was rated 3rd in the field of 13 qualifying candidates. The group was dubbed the "Mercury 13" in reference to the NASA "Mercury 7".

AVIATION CAREER – With her dream of going into space being thwarted as NASA didn't consider female astronauts until the late 1970s, Wally continued to pursue a glittering career in aviation. She was the first female air safety investigator for the National Transportation Safety Board, the first female civilian flight instructor at Fort Sill, Oklahoma, and the first female Federal Aviation Agency inspector.

SPACE TOURIST - On 21st July 2021, Funk became the oldest person to go to space, breaking a 23-year record held by John Glenn, setting this record on Blue Origin's New Shepard spacecraft during its suborbital flight.

QUOTE

"I did everything they didn't expect a girl to do"



LAST EDITION'S ANSWERS : FILM ANAGRAMS 1)Titanic 2)28 Days Later 3)Psycho 4)Rocky 5)The Godfather 6)The Departed 7)The Irishman 8)The Wizard of Oz 9)Fight Club 10)Spectre. WHERE AM I: Dee Bridge, Farndon. NAUTICAL FLAGS: 'Good Job You Are So Awesome!'.

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