

Valentina Tereshkova

Valentina is a famous Russian cosmonaut. A cosmonaut is like an astronaut. She was the first woman in space.

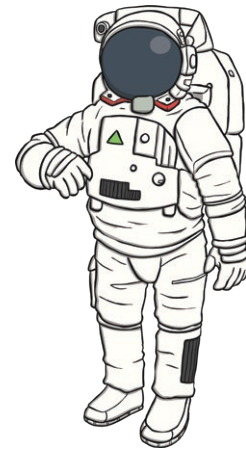
Early Life

Valentina was born in 1937. Her family were very poor. She worked in a factory. She was also in a parachute club.



Space Program

Valentina was chosen to go into space. Four other women trained with her but Valentina was the best. Only she went to space.



Flying in Space

In 1963, Valentina flew on her own in space. She went around the Earth 48 times. She took photos in space.

Bumpy Landing

On the way back to Earth, the ship nearly crashed! Clever Valentina fixed the problem. She landed safely.



Life After Space

After going to space, Valentina became an engineer and a doctor. She now works for world peace.

Engineer

A person who designs and builds things that solve problems.

