

Firsts in Space

SPACE HISTORY CHALLENGE™

- Sputnik I** was the first:
 - Rocket capable of reaching outer space
 - Artificial satellite
 - Lunar landing module
- Who was the first human to fly in space?
 - Yuri Gagarin
 - Alan Shepard
 - Gherman Titov
- The first space explorer to perform an extravehicular activity (EVA or spacewalk) was from which country?
 - USSR
 - USA
 - China
- Who was the first American to walk in space (EVA)?
 - Bruce McCandless
 - Jim McDivitt
 - Ed White
- Who was the first woman to fly to space?
 - Valentina Tereshkova
 - Liu Yang
 - Sally Ride
- Who was the first person the Chinese space program launched into space?
 - Fei Junlong
 - Nie Haisheng
 - Yang Liwei
- Who was the first American to orbit Earth?
 - Buzz Aldrin
 - John Glenn
 - Alan Shepard
- What was the first space station named?
 - Salyut 1*
 - Skylab
 - Mir*
- Which mission had the first in-flight space fatality?
 - Space Shuttle *Challenger*
 - Soyuz-1*
 - Apollo 13*

Answers:

- (B) *Sputnik I* was launched into orbit on October 4, 1957.
- (A) Yuri Gagarin, *Vostok 1*, 1961
- (A) The first EVA was performed by Soviet cosmonaut Alexei Leonov (*Voskhod 2*, 1965).
- (C) The first American EVA was performed by Ed White, *Gemini 4*, 1965—a few months after Alexei Leonov. Bruce McCandless is famous for performing the first untethered spacewalk.
- (A) Tereshkova's historic flight was on *Vostok 6* in 1963. It would be another 20 years before the first US woman (Sally Ride) flew.
- (C) Onboard *Shenzhou 5* (2003)
- (B) Glenn flew the *Friendship 7* mission in 1962, during which he orbited the Earth three times.
- (A) *Salyut 1* was launched in 1971 and destroyed just 175 days later when it was intentionally de-orbited.
- (B) This Soviet mission took place April 23-24, 1967, and killed the pilot and only crew member, Colonel Vladimir Komarov.

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