英閱大視野

# Space Travelers Have Toilet Trouble

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Usually, when we think of astronauts, rockets, and space stations, we **imagine** a world of **high technology**. Traveling to space is not an easy thing to do, of course. Most astronauts go **through** many years of training before they get to go into orbit. They need to know a lot about **science** and a lot about **math**, too. Recently, some astronauts discovered that they should also learn how to fix a **toilet**, and even change a **diaper**!

In November, a crew from the International Space Station was scheduled to return to Earth in a space capsule. The trip **takes** about 20 hours. Unfortunately, they discovered that the toilet on the capsule was **out-of-order**. With no way to **repair** the toilet in space, they had only one choice: diapers! "Space flight is full of lots of little challenges," said astronaut Megan McArthur, "but we are prepared to manage!"

## 太空旅行者的如廁問題

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通常，當我們提到太空人、火箭和太空站時，我們會想像那是一個高科技的世界。當然，太空旅行不是一件容易的事。大多數的太空人在進入太空軌道前，得經歷許多年的訓練，他們也需要知道許多科學和數學的知識。最近，有些太空人發現他們也應該要學習如何修馬桶，甚至是換尿布！

11月時，一位太空站的人員預計搭乘太空艙返回地球，整個行程大約需花費20個小時。不幸的是，他們發現太空艙裡的馬桶壞了。因為在太空中沒有辦法修馬桶，他們只有一個選擇：尿布！太空人梅根・麥克阿瑟說：「太空飛行充滿了許多小挑戰，但我們會做好克服困難的準備！」

### 一、實用文法

表達一件事持續多久時，可以「thing」+ take + 「time」 句型來表達。

### 二、小試身手

從題目中，選出最合適的答案完成句子。

1. I know you are busy, but the game will only (take a short time/take a long time).
2. These really tall trees (take many minutes/take many years) to grow.
3. Brushing your teeth only (takes 5 minutes/takes 5 days), but you will have a nice smile for a long time!

### 閱讀能力測驗

1. What is the main idea of the article?
   A. Astronauts often wear diapers.
   B. Astronauts must be able to face many problems.
   C. Learning how to fix a toilet is more important than learning math.

2. Before they go into space, what must astronauts do?
   A. Ride a train for many years
   B. Go into orbit
   C. Learn how to do a lot of things

3. In the second paragraph, what does "out-of-order" mean?
   A. in space
   B. broken
   C. empty

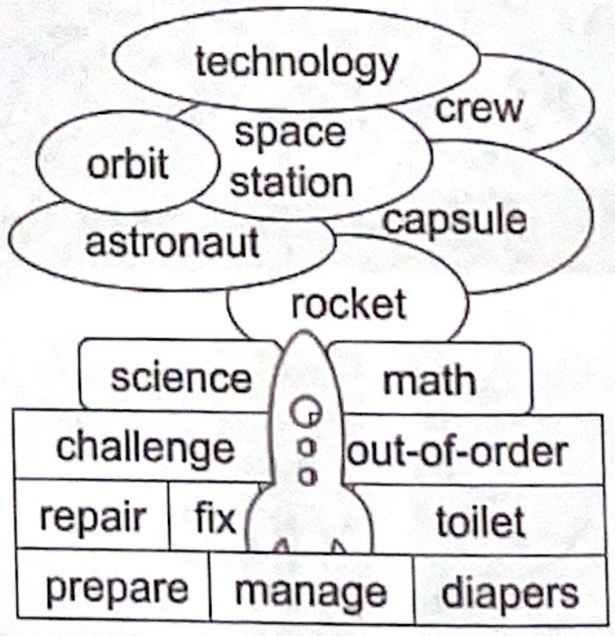
### 國中2000字

- imagine 想像
- through 通過
- science 科學
- math 數學
- toilet 馬桶
- repair 修理

### 補充單字

- high technology 高科技
- diaper 尿布

### Mind Maps 單字心智圖

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