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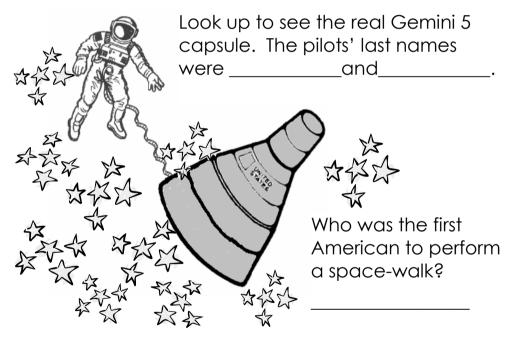




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Sasiplaery

In the beginning, there were only seven astronauts-- the Mercury 7. The first capsule you see is called Faith 7. It was used on the last Mercury flight. The pilot's name was _____ and he made ____ orbits around the earth all alone.



What is the name of the rocket that took the Apollo astronauts to the Moon?

How many men have walked on the Moon? ____

What was the last Apollo mission? _____



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Reduced Gravity Flight

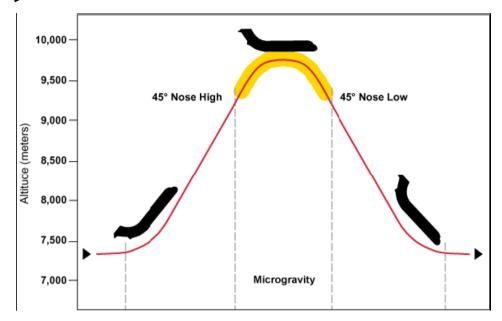


Figure A

2. Calculate the length of time the astronaut experienced microgravity during one parabolic maneuver. Substitute 9,144 into the quadratic equation and use the quadratic formula to solve for *t*.

$$y = -4.9t^2 + 87.21t + 9144$$

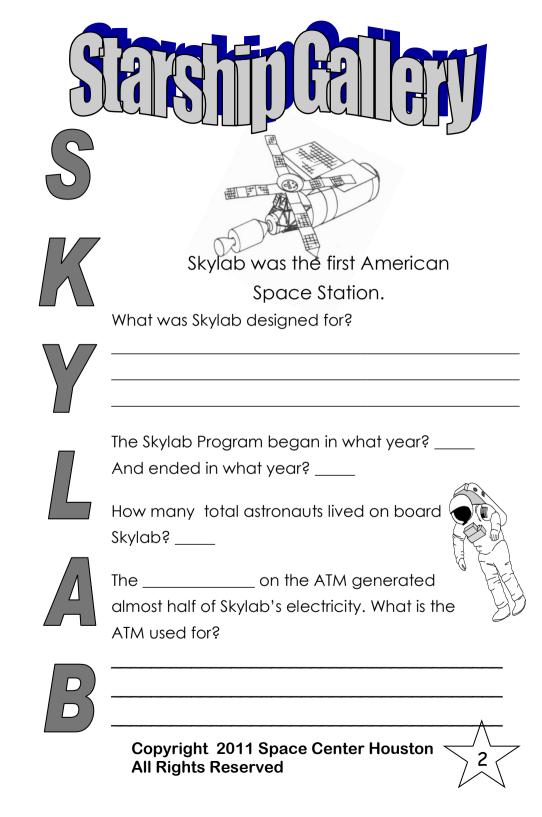


Weightless Wonder

The C-9 jet is one of the tools utilized by NASA to simulate the gravity, or reduced gravity, astronauts feel once they leave Earth The C-9 jet flies a special parabolic pattern that creates several brief periods of reduced gravity. A typical NASA C-9 flight goes out over the Gulf of Mexico, lasts about two hours, and completes between 40 and 60 parabolas. These reduced gravity flights are performed so astronauts, as well as researchers and their experiments, can experience the gravitational forces of the Moon and Mars and the microgravity of space.

Figure A shows the movement of the plane during a typical flight. The parabolic maneuver, where microgravity is felt, is highlighted. This is the part of the flight that you will focus on for the following questions. The function $yt=-4.9^2+87.21t+9144$ describes the altitude (y), in meters (m), of the plane in relation to the time (t), in seconds (s), after it started the parabolic maneuver. You will use this function to analyze the parabolic flight of the C-9.

1. Using the defined function, at what altitude did the astronaut start to feel microgravity?





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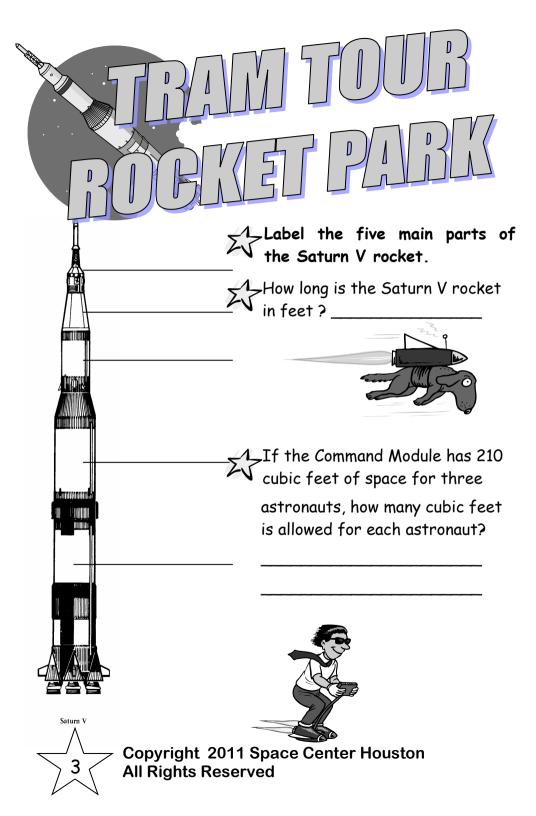


Figure 4: Largest vertical cross-section of the Orion Multi-Purpose Crew Vehicle

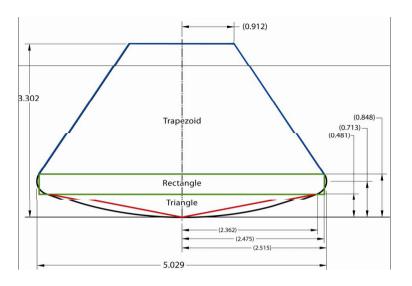


Table 1: Vertical Cross-Section Area Data

Figure	Area Formula	Area Formula with Values	Area (m²)
Trapezoid	A=1/2 (b ₁ +b ₂)h		
Rectangle	A=lw		
Triangle	A=1/2 bh		
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Multi-Purpose Grew Venice

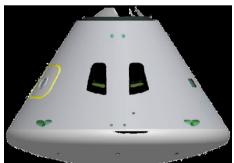
Objectives

- You will decompose a larger geometric shape into smaller parts.
- You will apply the proper area formulas for various geometric shapes.
- You will estimate the area of a complex geometric shape using decomposition methods.

Problem

The Orion spacecraft will replace the space shuttle as NASA's spacecraft for human space exploration. The vehicle is designed to accommodate four to six astronauts traveling into space. This activity focuses on the Orion Multi-Purpose Crew Vehicle. You will find the areas of the largest vertical and horizontal crosssections.

To get a sense of the room inside the MPCV, find the area, in square meters (m2), for the largest vertical cross-section (Figure 3; Figure 4). Show how you would decompose, or break the figure into smaller parts, to estimate the total vertical area. You may use a calculator. Record your information in the table provided (Table 1).



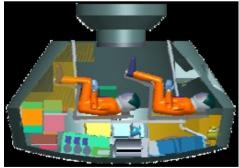
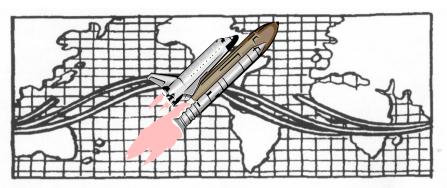


Figure 3: Vertical cross-section of the Orion MPCV (NASA Concept)



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st Off Theater



Grab your pencils and get ready to pay attention! During the Blast OFF Briefing, your Mission Briefing Officer will answer the questions below. Pay attention and keep your ears open! Please hold

5	What's next for NASA?
	How many crew members are currently on the
lin .	International Space Station?
5	What is Curiosity and it's primary mission?
-	
	What is the name of NASA's next generation space craft?
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nternationa



How long have people been living and working in space around the clock? _____

During the last decade how many nations have come together, setting aside boundaries and differences, to design, assemble, occupy, and conduct research on the **ISS**?

Name at least five of these nations.

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Space Station

What is the name of the Canadian Space Agency's robotic handyman?

What year did it arrive at the **ISS**?





What is Robonaut 2 (R2)?

On what flight did R2 arrive? _____



What makes the Kibo Module so unique?



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- 1. Gordon Cooper; 22
- 2. Cooper; Conrad

- 3. Ed White
- 4. Saturn V; 12 men; Apollo 17

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- 1. To teach about living and working in space for long periods of time. It also added important information about how the human body adapts to extended weightlessness.
 - 2. May 14, 1973 and July 11, 1979
 - 3.9
- 4. 4 Solar Arrays; The Apollo Telescope Mount was the first observatory designed to be operated by humans flying above Earth's atmosphere.

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- 1. Apollo capsule, SLA, S-IVB, S-II, S-IC
- 2.363 ft.
- 3. 70 cubic feet

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- 1.–2. Please visit http://spaceflight.nasa.gov for current mission information.
- 3. NASA's Most Capable and Robust Rover to Explore Mars. The rover will investigate whether the region has ever offered conditions favorable for microbial life, including the chemical ingredients for life.

 Learn more at www.nasa.gov. Type in "Curiosity Rover" in the search box.
- 4. Orion Multi-Purpose Crew Vehicle Read more about the MPCV @ http://www.nasa.gov/mission_pages/constellation/orion/

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- 1. Over 10 Years Construction began in 1998 The 3 man crew of Expedition 1 was first to inhabit the ISS on November 2, 2000.
- 2.15
- 3. United States, Canada, Japan, Russia, Belgium, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom

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- 1. Dextre (pronounced Dexter) is a robot with two smaller arms.
- 2. 2005 Read more @ http://www.nasa.gov/missions/shuttle/f_isshand.html
- 3. R2 is the first dexterous humanoid robot in space.
- 4. STS-133 the final flight of Space shuttle discovery. Much more @ http://www.nasa.gov/mission_pages/station/main/robonaut.html
- 5. It is the only external environment laboratory in space.

g-12 Answer Sheet

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Total Area=Area of Trapezoid + Area of Rectangle + Area of Triangle

Figure	Area Formula	Area Formula w/ values	Area (m²)
Trapezoid	A=1/2 (b ₁ +b ₂)h	A=1/2x[(2x2.475)+ (2x0.912)]x2.454	A= 8.312
Rectangle	A=Iw	A=(2x2.475)x0.367	A=1.817
Triangle	A=1/2 bh	A=1/2x(2x2.362)x0.481	A=1.136

A= 11.265m²

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1. At t=0, which would be 9,144 meters.

2.
$$y=-4.9t^2+87.21t+9144$$

 $9144=-4.9^2+87.21t+9144$
 $0=-4.9t^2+87.21t$
 $0=t(-4.9t+87.21)$
 $t=0s,17.8s$

The plane starts the parabolic maneuver at 0 seconds and ends at 17.8 seconds, thus the astronaut feels 17.8 seconds of weightlessness on each parabola.