

Read the passage carefully, then do the tasks.

In 2006, Anousheh Ansari became the first female space tourist when she made the trip from Russia to the International Space Station (ISS). Anousheh stayed on the ISS for eight days and kept a blog. Parts of her blog are shown here.

ANOUSHEH'S SPACE BLOG

September 25th

Everyone wants to know: how do you take a shower in space? How do you brush your teeth? Well my friends, I must admit keeping clean in space is not easy! There is no shower with running water. Water does not 'flow' here, it 'floats' - which makes it a challenging act to clean yourself. There are wet towels, wet wipes and dry towels that are used. Now brushing your teeth in space is another joy. You cannot rinse your mouth and spit after brushing, so you end up rinsing and swallowing. Astronauts call it the 'fresh mint effect'.

September 27th

Being weightless has some wonderful advantages. You can lift a really heavy object with one hand and move it around with one finger. You can fly and float around instead of walking. You can do somersaults at any age. Everything is effortless. If you want to move forward, you slightly touch a wall with one finger and you start moving in the opposite direction. If you have left your book at the other side of the module, no problem - you ask someone close to it to send it to you. That means they pick it up and very gently push it towards you, and here it is - your book flying to you all the way from the other side.

A. Decide whether the following sentences are true (T) or false (F).

1. Anousheh Ansari was the first woman to travel into space.
2. Anousheh Ansari kept an online diary while she stayed on the ISS.
3. It is not easy to take a shower in space because water does not “flow” in microgravity.
4. In space, astronauts swallow their toothpaste instead of spitting.
5. Weightlessness makes it really hard to lift heavy objects in space.
6. Anousheh Ansari felt wonderful being able to do somersaults and flying around.
7. Astronauts have to push against the inside walls of the ISS when they get around.
8. Anousheh Ansari found weightlessness to be a discomfort when things fly through space.

B. Answer the questions.

1. When did Anousheh Ansari go into space?

2. Where did she start her trip?

3. Where did she stay in space?

4. How long did she stay in space?

5. Did she enjoy her space trip?

C. Write the answers, using information from the text.

1. Look at Anousheh's blog entry for September 25th. Find and copy groups of words that shows that Anousheh wrote her blog for others to read.

2. Look at Anousheh's blog entry for September 27th. Find and copy a group of words that shows how Anousheh felt about being in space.
