

CHAPTER 12

Sunita Williams

True or False Questions

1. Sunita Williams was born in India. (True / False)
2. Sunita initially wanted to become a veterinarian.
(True / False)
3. Sunita was selected by NASA on her first application attempt. (True / False)
4. Sunita carried samosas, the Bhagavad Gita, and an idol of Lord Ganesha to space. (True / False)
5. Sunita believes that loving what you do is not important for success. (True / False)

Fill in the Blanks

1. Sunita Williams described the Himalayas as appearing _____ from space.
2. Before becoming an astronaut, Sunita served in the _____.
3. Sunita trained underwater for _____ days as part of her preparation.

4. Sunita was launched into space aboard the shuttle _____.
5. If not an astronaut, Sunita would have preferred to be a _____ or a teacher.

Multiple Choice Questions

1. What was Sunita Williams' childhood dream career?
- A) Astronaut
 - B) Veterinarian
 - C) Pilot
 - D) Doctor
2. Which organization selected Sunita as an astronaut?
- A) ISRO
 - B) NASA
 - C) Russian Space Agency
 - D) European Space Agency
3. What did Sunita mistakenly think she would learn about in the Navy?

- A) Spacecraft
- B) Water animals
- C) Fighter jets
- D) Medical science

4. How long did Sunita live underwater during training?

- A) 5 days
- B) 7 days
- C) 9 days
- D) 12 days

5. What did Sunita carry to space as personal items?

- A) A laptop and a camera
- B) Samosas, Bhagavad Gita, and an idol of Lord Ganesha
- C) A telescope and a diary
- D) A model of the International Space Station

6. What does Sunita believe is key to success?

- A) Natural talent
- B) Loving what you do
- C) Having a strict routine
- D) Avoiding challenges

7. Which shuttle carried Sunita to the International Space Station?

- A) Endeavour
- B) Atlantis
- C) Discovery
- D) Challenger

8. What alternative career did Sunita consider besides being an astronaut?

- A) Doctor
- B) Junior school Science teacher
- C) Engineer
- D) Marine biologist

9. Who inspired Sunita to pursue her dreams despite doubts?

- A) Her father
- B) A Navy officer
- C) Kalpana Chawla
- D) Herself (she proved critics wrong)

10. What did Sunita learn from her junior school that helped her at NASA?

- A) Advanced mathematics
- B) Simple designs and workings related to gravity
- C) Rocket engineering
- D) Astronomy