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The Mars Generation

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Lyssa was born in Louisiana, United States. At the age of seven he attended his first space camp in Alabama. Later, he participated in similar instances at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Boston, Turkey and Canada.



What does it take to become an astronaut?

When she was three years old, Alyssa Carson saw a TV show about cartoon animals going to Mars. That's when Carson began dreaming of visiting Mars herself. At age seven, Carson went to her first of seven space camps. At space camp, she built model rockets. She also went on **simulated** space flights and **learned** about the history of space travel. Then, at age nine, Carson met Sandra Magnus, a **former** astronaut from **NASA**. After that meeting, Carson knew she could turn her astronaut dreams into reality.

NASA has a two-year training program for astronauts, and Carson **hopes** to go there. **NASA** only accepts people who are physically **fit**. They must also have an advanced university degree, so

Carson is studying **astrobiology** at the Florida Institute of Technology. In addition, **NASA** wants people with experience. So, Carson learned to be a pilot. She also went skydiving to prepare for the feeling of taking off in a rocket. She trained as an underwater diver to learn about being in a place without oxygen - like on Mars. Carson even worked on a team doing **research** about space suits.

After university, Carson plans on **applying** to **NASA's** astronaut training program. However, it's very difficult to get in. Recently, 18,000 people applied, but **NASA** only chose 12! Carson knows that her excellent resume isn't enough. "You want to have something that helps you **stick out**," she says. Carson hopes talking about space with her 300,000 *Instagram followers* will help. Carson and a group of friends all dream of walking on Mars in the 2030s. They call themselves "The Mars **Generation**."

Glossary

KEYWORD	HEL	PRAYER
Simulated	made to look and feel like a real situation	She also went on simulated space
dreaming	see pictures and images in your mind while you are sleeping	She dreams of begin an astronaut
hopes	wish very much for something to happen (expectation).	Hope that Allyssa can travel to mars
former	the first of two things (ex-astronaut)	Carson met Sandra Magnus, a former astronaut from NASA
NASA	(National Aeronautics and Space Administration) USA government organization in charge of space research (investigate)	
fit	healthy and strong (🏋️)	NASA only accepts people who are physically a healthy an strong
research	finding out as much as you can about something (investigation)	She participated in rocket research
learned	a title applied in referring to a member of the legal profession (expert)(known)	Carson learned to be a pilot
astrobiology	study of life in the universe beyond planet Earth	
Appy /applying	send information about yourself in order to request a job or other position	The astronauts Applying test is in English
training	learn how to do a job (capacitation)	He is training for pilot as in simulator.
stick out.	be easier to recognize than other people in a certain group.	Stick: stay fastened to something

followers	person who reads another person's messages on a social media Web site	Aura belongs to the group or followers or Silvestre Dagon
Generation	people born and living around the same time	Carson and group of friends call themselves generation from Mars

1. What activities did Carson do at space camp?

- A. She met astronauts.
- B. She went on a short space flight.
- C. She built model rockets.
- D. She made a video about going to Mars.



2. What is true about NASA's training program for astronauts?

- A. The program is two years long.
- B. To get in, you must study astrobiology.
- C. It is at the Florida Institute of Technology.
- D. All of the above



3. How did Carson prepare for NASA's training program?

- A. She learned how to fly a space ship.
- B. She made her own space suit.
- C. She learned how to dive underwater.
- D. She learned about the history of NASA.



4 We know that it is difficult to get in to NASA's astronaut training because..

- A. Carson still doesn't have enough jobs on her resume.
- B. NASA only chose 12 of 18,000 people who applied.
- C. people must pass some very hard tests to get in.
- D. you must have the highest grades in university classes.



5. Carson and her friends call themselves "The Mars Generation" because they hope to become astronauts and walk on Mars.

A. True

B. False

C. We don't know.

