



EXTENSION

Name:

1 The words below appear in the text in Exercise 2. Find the words and guess their meanings. Use a dictionary to check your guesses.

- 1. crumbs
- space
- 3. spoil

2 Read the text and answer the questions.

Beef Sandwiches in Space?

John Young didn't like the food that he ate at work. It looked and tasted a lot like cereal for babies. So the next morning, he brought a beef sandwich with him. He enjoyed it, but there was one problem. Crumbs started flying around the room. That day Young learned that astronauts can't eat everything.

This incident happened in 1965 on a US mission into space. Young didn't like the food that the astronauts got and wanted something tastier for the trip. At the time, all astronaut foods were wet, to prevent them from breaking into pieces. The astronauts had to drink everything from plastic tubes, even meat and vegetables. Most of the food looked and tasted the same. Many everyday foods were too dangerous for space. Salt, for example, could fly into an astronaut's nose or into important instruments. Crumbs were a problem for the same reason, as Young learned.

In the 1970s, however, astronaut food improved. Scientists learned that they could cook food and dry it so it didn't spoil. Before eating, the astronauts just added water to make it fresh again. For the first time, they could eat foods which looked real, such as chicken or rice. But there was still one problem. Since they were eating from plastic tubes, the food had no smell. Smell and taste go together. When there's less of one, there's less of the other.

To solve the problem, scientists started to make astronaut food spicy. Today, foods from South America and Asia are popular in space. Astronauts who work together in space stations come from different countries, so their food is more international. There are still no beef sandwiches in space, but no one cares. Some astronauts even say the food is tasty.

- 1. Where was John Young when he ate his beef sandwich?
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- 2. How did astronauts eat in the 1960s?
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- 3. Why were crumbs a problem in space?
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- 4. How did astronauts prepare their meals in the 1970s?
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- 5. Why is a lot of astronaut food spicy today?
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- 6. Why do astronauts today eat food from all over the world?
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3 Complete the sentences with the relative clauses below.

- ◆ who brought a beef sandwich to work
- ◆ that could break into pieces
- ◆ when astronaut food improved
- ◆ which looked like cereal for babies

1. In the past, astronauts ate food
2. John Young was the astronaut
3. Food was dangerous in space.
4. The decade was the 1970s.

**4 You are on holiday and you have just eaten an unusual meal in a restaurant.
Write an e-mail to a friend describing the experience.**