

Sally Ride

American Astronaut

- Sally Ride was the first American woman to go into space.
- She flew on the space shuttle Challenger on June 18, 1983.
 - She made two shuttle flights.
- Sally Ride was born in Encino, California on May 26, 1951.
- She studied at Stanford University where she received a master of science degree and a doctorate in physics.
- After completing her studies at Stanford University, Sally Ride applied to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).
- She was selected as one of NASA's first six female astronauts in 1978.
- Sally Ride started her aeronautics career on the ground, serving as a capsule communicator (CAPCOM).
- At 32 years old, Sally Ride experienced her first spaceflight as a mission specialist on STS-7, NASA's seventh shuttle mission, aboard the space shuttle Challenger.
- The mission launched on June 18, 1983, and returned to Earth on June 24.
- Tasks on the mission included launching communications satellites for Canada and Indonesia.
- The astronauts also conducted the first successful satellite deployment and retrieval in space using the shuttle's robotic arm.
- During the flight, Sally Ride became the first woman to operate the shuttle's robotic arm.
- Sally Ride's Challenger mission was not her only spaceflight. She also became the first American woman to travel to space a second time when she launched on another Challenger mission, STS-41-G on Oct. 5, 1984.
- Sally Ride became a champion for science education and a role model for generations.



Sally Ride Quotes

- For a long time, society put obstacles in the way of women who wanted to enter the sciences.
- The fact that I was going to be the first American woman to go into space carried huge expectations along with it.
 - After the Challenger accident, NASA put in a lot of time to improve the safety of the space shuttle to fix the things that had gone wrong.
- The view of Earth is spectacular.
- The stars don't look bigger, but they do look brighter.
- The pressure suit helps if something goes wrong during launch or re-entry - astronauts have a way to parachute off the shuttle. The suits protect you from loss of pressure in case of emergency.
 - For whatever reason, I didn't succumb to the stereotype that science wasn't for girls. I got encouragement from my parents. I never ran into a teacher or a counselor who told me that science was for boys. A lot of my friends did.
- Studying whether there's life on Mars or studying how the universe began, there's something magical about pushing back the frontiers of knowledge. That's something that is almost part of being human, and I'm certain that will continue.
- I think it's important for little girls growing up, and young women, to have one in every walk of life. So from that point of view, I'm proud to be a role model!
- Science is fun. Science is curiosity. We all have natural curiosity. Science is a process of investigating. It's posing questions and coming up with a method. It's delving in.



Sally Ride Questions

Fill in the blanks.

1. Sally Ride made _____ shuttle flights.
2. She was the _____ American woman to go into _____.
3. She went to _____ University.
4. Sally Ride was _____ years old when she experienced her first spaceflight mission.
5. She was born in _____, California.
6. Sally Ride flew on the space shuttle _____.
7. Tasks on the mission included launching communications satellites for _____ and _____.
8. She was selected as one of _____'s first six female astronauts.
9. Sally Ride was the first woman to operate the shuttle's _____ arm.
10. She became a champion for _____ education and a role model for generations.
11. The mission launched on June _____ and returned on June _____.
12. NASA stands for _____
_____ and _____
_____.

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Find all the words!

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Challenger
Space

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Woman
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NASA
Capsule
Communicator
Mission

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