

## Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May - Vocabulary



- 1) Read the extract 'Survival in Space: The Apollo 13 Mission'.
- 2) What genre do you think the book this extract is from is?
- 3) 'Survival in Space: The Apollo 13 Mission' includes some specialist vocabulary.

Find the definitions:

- a) Flimsy
  - b) mph (This is an acronym; each letter stands for a different word.)
  - c) Launched
  - d) Engineers
  - e) Satellite
  - f) Orbit
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- 4) Now you have found your definitions, have a go at these!
    - a) What word could mean the opposite of flimsy?
    - b) What is mph a measurement of?
    - c) Is 'launched' a word specific to space travel?
    - d) Do you use any satellites in everyday life? If so where?

## Answers

Find the definitions.

- a) Flimsy- **insubstantial and easily damaged.**
- b) mph (This is an acronym; each letter stands for a different word.) **Miles per Hour- the number of miles a vehicle travels in one hour.**
- c) Launched- **send (a satellite or spacecraft) on its course.**
- d) Engineers- **a person who designs, builds or maintains engines, machines or structures.**
- e) Satellite- **an artificial body placed in orbit round the earth or moon or another planet in order to collect information or for communication.**
- f) Orbit- **a curved path of a spacecraft round a star, planet, or moon.**

What word could mean the opposite of flimsy? **Sturdy, robust.**

What is mph a measurement of? **Speed**

Is launched a word specific to space travel?

**No, it can be used for something setting in motion, for example 'she launched the ball across the field'.**

Do you use any satellites in everyday life? If so where?

**Yes, we have television satellites, these communicate with the satellite orbiting the earth. That is how we're able to watch TV!**