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00:00:05,749 --> 00:00:04,070  
a good morning everyone i'm pat ryan

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00:00:07,829 --> 00:00:05,759  
with the public affairs office here at

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00:00:10,230 --> 00:00:07,839  
the johnson space center in houston with

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00:00:13,110 --> 00:00:10,240  
me is megan levins she is one of the

5  
00:00:15,270 --> 00:00:13,120  
senior robotics instructors here and is

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00:00:17,109 --> 00:00:15,280  
currently getting certified to be a

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00:00:19,109 --> 00:00:17,119  
robotics officer to work here in the

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00:00:21,189 --> 00:00:19,119  
mission control room uh tell me real

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00:00:23,670 --> 00:00:21,199  
quickly about how you got interested in

10  
00:00:25,189 --> 00:00:23,680  
in that area of work

11  
00:00:27,109 --> 00:00:25,199  
well i've always been interested in the

12  
00:00:28,710 --> 00:00:27,119  
space program and who doesn't want to

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00:00:31,349 --> 00:00:28,720

fly robots in space so it seemed like

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00:00:32,790 --> 00:00:31,359

the right place to go um

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00:00:34,310 --> 00:00:32,800

i grew up in hawaii where we have very

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00:00:36,229 --> 00:00:34,320

clear skies and you get a really nice

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00:00:38,950 --> 00:00:36,239

view of those stars at night and it's

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00:00:41,670 --> 00:00:38,960

inspiring nice nice well we're ready to

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00:00:43,670 --> 00:00:41,680

to find out what the you guys

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00:00:46,549 --> 00:00:43,680

in pennsylvania are interested in

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00:00:48,950 --> 00:00:46,559

my name is valeria and my question is

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00:00:52,069 --> 00:00:48,960

how much training do you have to do to

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00:00:53,830 --> 00:00:52,079

become a robotics engineer

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00:00:55,990 --> 00:00:53,840

well to be a robotics engineer there's a

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00:00:57,750 --> 00:00:56,000

lot of training you go through once you

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00:01:00,630 --> 00:00:57,760

get out of college or university and

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00:01:02,150 --> 00:01:00,640

come to nasa it's many years of training

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00:01:04,390 --> 00:01:02,160

and you start off with writing

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00:01:05,990 --> 00:01:04,400

procedures for crew members and learning

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00:01:07,670 --> 00:01:06,000

all you can about your robotic system

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00:01:09,830 --> 00:01:07,680

before you can come into mission control

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00:01:11,830 --> 00:01:09,840

and and start moving the robots in space

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00:01:15,830 --> 00:01:11,840

so it's a long process and there's lots

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00:01:19,270 --> 00:01:15,840

to learn but it's a very interesting one

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00:01:21,590 --> 00:01:19,280

hello my name is claire and my question

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00:01:25,429 --> 00:01:21,600

is what controller would you call the

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00:01:27,270 --> 00:01:25,439

brain of the mission control center

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00:01:28,870 --> 00:01:27,280

the brain

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00:01:30,630 --> 00:01:28,880

that's a tough one a lot of people would

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00:01:33,190 --> 00:01:30,640

say that that's the the flight director

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00:01:35,429 --> 00:01:33,200

flight director is the person who's in

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00:01:36,149 --> 00:01:35,439

charge of the whole team there's a team

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00:01:40,870 --> 00:01:36,159

of

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00:01:42,389 --> 00:01:40,880

them looking at just a specific system

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00:01:44,789 --> 00:01:42,399

but they're all reporting to the flight

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00:01:46,789 --> 00:01:44,799

director who has to keep track of what's

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00:01:48,469 --> 00:01:46,799

going on on all of those systems all the

48

00:01:50,550 --> 00:01:48,479

time to make sure that the different

49

00:01:51,670 --> 00:01:50,560

components all work well with one

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00:01:52,789 --> 00:01:51,680

another

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00:01:54,069 --> 00:01:52,799

but if you think it's not the flight

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00:01:56,389 --> 00:01:54,079

director it's probably the people who

53

00:01:58,950 --> 00:01:56,399

bring the snacks

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00:02:01,350 --> 00:01:58,960

hello my name is gabriel and my question

55

00:02:02,950 --> 00:02:01,360

is who is the most important person in

56

00:02:06,389 --> 00:02:02,960

the space station

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00:02:07,830 --> 00:02:06,399

flight control room and why

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00:02:10,309 --> 00:02:07,840

most important person would be the

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00:02:12,309 --> 00:02:10,319

robotics officer wouldn't it always yeah

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00:02:13,910 --> 00:02:12,319

well i have to say the most important

61

00:02:16,309 --> 00:02:13,920

person is probably the person that has

62

00:02:17,750 --> 00:02:16,319

the most going on at that time you never

63

00:02:19,670 --> 00:02:17,760

know what can happen on a space station

64

00:02:21,830 --> 00:02:19,680

so whoever's whether it's the robotic

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00:02:23,270 --> 00:02:21,840

system or we have astronauts outside

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00:02:24,470 --> 00:02:23,280

whoever has the most information and

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00:02:26,070 --> 00:02:24,480

knows what's going on is probably the

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00:02:28,470 --> 00:02:26,080

most important person

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00:02:31,270 --> 00:02:28,480

after the snacks

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00:02:33,270 --> 00:02:31,280

hi my name is emma and my question is if

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00:02:35,350 --> 00:02:33,280

a crew member gets hurt or sick and they

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00:02:37,990 --> 00:02:35,360

need surgery is there always a doctor on

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00:02:43,670 --> 00:02:40,869

there are it is not always an actual

74

00:02:45,830 --> 00:02:43,680

doctor on board but there is always one

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00:02:47,350 --> 00:02:45,840

member of the crew who is trained as a

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00:02:50,390 --> 00:02:47,360

medical officer

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00:02:52,710 --> 00:02:50,400

in some cases you have a doctor or two

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00:02:54,470 --> 00:02:52,720

doctors who may be on board at the time

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00:02:57,750 --> 00:02:54,480

and so far we've been lucky enough that

80

00:02:59,830 --> 00:02:57,760

nobody has had to have surgery but all

81

00:03:01,990 --> 00:02:59,840

of the crew members get trained in not

82

00:03:03,910 --> 00:03:02,000

only first aid but also some more

83

00:03:05,589 --> 00:03:03,920

advanced things to take care of their

84

00:03:07,030 --> 00:03:05,599

crewmates just in case somebody does get

85

00:03:09,990 --> 00:03:07,040

hurt

86

00:03:11,830 --> 00:03:10,000

hi my name is jassidy and my question is

87

00:03:13,990 --> 00:03:11,840

do the team switch on and off so that

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00:03:18,229 --> 00:03:14,000

they can get sleep if so how does it

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00:03:19,750 --> 00:03:18,239

work and when do the teams take a break

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00:03:22,149 --> 00:03:19,760

i think when the team switch over might

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00:03:24,309 --> 00:03:22,159

be one of my favorite parts of the day

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00:03:25,750 --> 00:03:24,319

we have about three teams that run in

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00:03:27,190 --> 00:03:25,760

mission control

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00:03:28,550 --> 00:03:27,200

every day of the week all year round

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00:03:30,149 --> 00:03:28,560

even on christmas

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00:03:31,589 --> 00:03:30,159

so luckily they only have to work one

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00:03:32,789 --> 00:03:31,599

shift a day and then the next shift will

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00:03:34,309 --> 00:03:32,799

come on so we can all go home and get

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00:03:36,229 --> 00:03:34,319

some rest

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00:03:38,789 --> 00:03:36,239

so the day gets split up into into

101  
00:03:40,550 --> 00:03:38,799  
thirds really so any the teams that are

102  
00:03:41,830 --> 00:03:40,560  
here are here for

103  
00:03:43,670 --> 00:03:41,840  
uh about

104  
00:03:45,509 --> 00:03:43,680  
seven or eight hours in the room they

105  
00:03:46,869 --> 00:03:45,519  
come in and they find out from the

106  
00:03:49,350 --> 00:03:46,879  
person in front of them what's been

107  
00:03:50,869 --> 00:03:49,360  
going on then they take over and then at

108  
00:03:52,949 --> 00:03:50,879  
the end of the shift the next person

109  
00:03:55,750 --> 00:03:52,959  
comes in and you brief them about what's

110  
00:03:58,309 --> 00:03:55,760  
going on so that they can take over

111  
00:04:01,670 --> 00:03:58,319  
hello my name is gavin i would like to

112  
00:04:03,509 --> 00:04:01,680  
know how long is your shift

113  
00:04:05,589 --> 00:04:03,519

well as a robotics officer my shifts are

114

00:04:07,429 --> 00:04:05,599

actually a little different than a lot

115

00:04:09,190 --> 00:04:07,439

of the other timbers like we said

116

00:04:11,110 --> 00:04:09,200

when you're here all the time your shift

117

00:04:12,630 --> 00:04:11,120

is roughly seven hours and then you pass

118

00:04:14,470 --> 00:04:12,640

off to the next person

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00:04:17,030 --> 00:04:14,480

for robotic chips we can go from seven

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00:04:19,349 --> 00:04:17,040

to 12 hours depending on what kind of

121

00:04:21,270 --> 00:04:19,359

task we have for that day and then we're

122

00:04:22,790 --> 00:04:21,280

off for the rest of the day so ours may

123

00:04:24,950 --> 00:04:22,800

be a little longer but we have we're not

124

00:04:27,030 --> 00:04:24,960

always here all the time

125

00:04:29,110 --> 00:04:27,040

hello my name is bella and i would like

126  
00:04:30,550 --> 00:04:29,120  
to know what is your favorite and least

127  
00:04:32,629 --> 00:04:30,560  
favorite part of working at mission

128  
00:04:34,790 --> 00:04:32,639  
control

129  
00:04:36,550 --> 00:04:34,800  
okay that's a good question

130  
00:04:38,629 --> 00:04:36,560  
i have to say my favorite part is every

131  
00:04:40,150 --> 00:04:38,639  
time i get to talk to an astronaut in

132  
00:04:42,550 --> 00:04:40,160  
space there's nothing like talking to

133  
00:04:44,550 --> 00:04:42,560  
somebody who you know is orbiting miles

134  
00:04:46,790 --> 00:04:44,560  
and miles and miles above you and doing

135  
00:04:48,070 --> 00:04:46,800  
some robotic tasks or another activity

136  
00:04:49,590 --> 00:04:48,080  
and getting to talk to them and get

137  
00:04:51,510 --> 00:04:49,600  
their thoughts and what they have going

138  
00:04:53,189 --> 00:04:51,520

on in their day and in your job you

139

00:04:55,270 --> 00:04:53,199

folks do get to talk to them while

140

00:04:58,390 --> 00:04:55,280

they're in the midst of these of moving

141

00:05:00,870 --> 00:04:58,400

flying these big robots around we do um

142

00:05:02,629 --> 00:05:00,880

for robotics we do a lot of activities

143

00:05:04,150 --> 00:05:02,639

free flyer captures when new vehicles

144

00:05:05,670 --> 00:05:04,160

are coming up and then we also train for

145

00:05:06,950 --> 00:05:05,680

them as well so not only do i get to

146

00:05:08,629 --> 00:05:06,960

talk to them about the activity they're

147

00:05:10,710 --> 00:05:08,639

doing but also in all their training

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00:05:12,230 --> 00:05:10,720

sessions as they get ready

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00:05:13,749 --> 00:05:12,240

i'd say my least favorite part is

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00:05:15,189 --> 00:05:13,759

probably comes around two in the morning

151  
00:05:16,629 --> 00:05:15,199  
when you're still on console and ready

152  
00:05:19,749 --> 00:05:16,639  
to go home and it is way past your

153  
00:05:27,350 --> 00:05:22,950  
hi my name is reagan and what is your

154  
00:05:31,830 --> 00:05:30,070  
my favorite training exercise

155  
00:05:33,029 --> 00:05:31,840  
well you know here at jsc or johnson

156  
00:05:34,710 --> 00:05:33,039  
space center we have the neutral

157  
00:05:36,950 --> 00:05:34,720  
buoyancy lab and in the neutral buoyancy

158  
00:05:38,790 --> 00:05:36,960  
lab it's this huge pool with the almost

159  
00:05:40,550 --> 00:05:38,800  
exact replica of the whole space station

160  
00:05:42,870 --> 00:05:40,560  
at least parts of it and they have a

161  
00:05:44,390 --> 00:05:42,880  
robotic arm that is under water and can

162  
00:05:46,070 --> 00:05:44,400  
move around in this pool just like we do

163  
00:05:47,830 --> 00:05:46,080

in space so my favorite training

164

00:05:50,150 --> 00:05:47,840

exercise is when we get to go there and

165

00:05:51,830 --> 00:05:50,160

put a crew member in their astronaut

166

00:05:54,150 --> 00:05:51,840

suit in the water and they're under

167

00:05:55,830 --> 00:05:54,160

water and on the robotic arm doing

168

00:05:57,510 --> 00:05:55,840

activities and i can fly the arm around

169

00:05:59,590 --> 00:05:57,520

with them on it it's my favorite part of

170

00:06:01,029 --> 00:05:59,600

the day that's an example of what's

171

00:06:02,629 --> 00:06:01,039

going on in the neutral buoyancy

172

00:06:04,710 --> 00:06:02,639

laboratory it's what it looks like from

173

00:06:07,110 --> 00:06:04,720

one of the cameras that the divers have

174

00:06:09,270 --> 00:06:07,120

that they're floating around making sure

175

00:06:11,590 --> 00:06:09,280

that the astronauts are safe but also

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00:06:13,670 --> 00:06:11,600

giving the the instructors a good

177

00:06:15,830 --> 00:06:13,680

close-up look at what the astronauts are

178

00:06:17,990 --> 00:06:15,840

doing so that they can get better

179

00:06:19,909 --> 00:06:18,000

information and help the astronauts

180

00:06:22,070 --> 00:06:19,919

become better prepared to do those tasks

181

00:06:25,110 --> 00:06:22,080

when they get in space

182

00:06:29,990 --> 00:06:25,120

hello my name is braden how and when did

183

00:06:34,469 --> 00:06:32,710

i've been interested in robotics and

184

00:06:36,230 --> 00:06:34,479

more specifically the space station

185

00:06:39,189 --> 00:06:36,240

since i was a little kid well in space

186

00:06:40,790 --> 00:06:39,199

since i was a little kid

187

00:06:42,629 --> 00:06:40,800

robotics has always been interesting you

188

00:06:44,309 --> 00:06:42,639

know i was always really excited for my

189

00:06:46,070 --> 00:06:44,319

math and my science classes and those

190

00:06:47,510 --> 00:06:46,080

are my favorite parts of my school day

191

00:06:48,870 --> 00:06:47,520

and from there you go to college and you

192

00:06:50,790 --> 00:06:48,880

get to learn more about the robotics and

193

00:06:53,110 --> 00:06:50,800

you build things with you know like you

194

00:06:54,629 --> 00:06:53,120

guys with your lego robots and it was

195

00:06:56,550 --> 00:06:54,639

just really fun and i wanted to do that

196

00:06:59,830 --> 00:06:56,560

forever

197

00:07:01,830 --> 00:06:59,840

hello my name is ella my question is did

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00:07:05,670 --> 00:07:01,840

anything in your childhood inspire you

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00:07:07,909 --> 00:07:05,680

to work with robotics and or nasa

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00:07:09,430 --> 00:07:07,919

as a big fan of my lego set

201  
00:07:10,950 --> 00:07:09,440  
anytime you get to build robots with

202  
00:07:14,710 --> 00:07:10,960  
legos and then you get to do it on a

203  
00:07:17,189 --> 00:07:14,720  
much larger scale it's pretty exciting

204  
00:07:19,110 --> 00:07:17,199  
hello my name is alex can you give us

205  
00:07:21,990 --> 00:07:19,120  
any tips on what to study if we are

206  
00:07:23,990 --> 00:07:22,000  
interested in robotics

207  
00:07:25,749 --> 00:07:24,000  
i think you definitely should pay real

208  
00:07:28,150 --> 00:07:25,759  
close attention in your math and science

209  
00:07:30,230 --> 00:07:28,160  
classes

210  
00:07:32,150 --> 00:07:30,240  
those were the basis and everything

211  
00:07:33,830 --> 00:07:32,160  
builds from there so if you're you know

212  
00:07:34,790 --> 00:07:33,840  
paying attention and really studying up

213  
00:07:36,230 --> 00:07:34,800

on there and then when you get to

214

00:07:37,909 --> 00:07:36,240

college you'll study math and science

215

00:07:40,950 --> 00:07:37,919

there and it just keeps going

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00:07:42,710 --> 00:07:40,960

are there particular kinds of math or or

217

00:07:45,029 --> 00:07:42,720

different areas of science that you

218

00:07:47,110 --> 00:07:45,039

found to be most helpful

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00:07:48,790 --> 00:07:47,120

um

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00:07:50,869 --> 00:07:48,800

i mean math is math is our universal

221

00:07:55,430 --> 00:07:50,879

language so it applies all kinds of math

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00:07:58,469 --> 00:07:56,710

all the engineering stuff you know

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00:08:00,790 --> 00:07:58,479

building things or getting to work with

224

00:08:02,950 --> 00:08:00,800

your hands all of that applies and worry

225

00:08:05,110 --> 00:08:02,960

the basics of those

226  
00:08:07,029 --> 00:08:05,120  
hi my name is maggie and i would like to

227  
00:08:10,070 --> 00:08:07,039  
know what you find most interesting

228  
00:08:12,710 --> 00:08:10,080  
about robotics and why

229  
00:08:14,070 --> 00:08:12,720  
most interesting about robotics

230  
00:08:15,189 --> 00:08:14,080  
you know one of the most

231  
00:08:17,830 --> 00:08:15,199  
the greatest things i think about

232  
00:08:19,990 --> 00:08:17,840  
robotics is you are working and moving

233  
00:08:23,029 --> 00:08:20,000  
something that is miles and miles above

234  
00:08:24,550 --> 00:08:23,039  
you i come to work every day and i get

235  
00:08:26,230 --> 00:08:24,560  
to move around a robot that i will never

236  
00:08:28,070 --> 00:08:26,240  
see in real life i only get to see it

237  
00:08:29,510 --> 00:08:28,080  
through my camera views and my my

238  
00:08:32,469 --> 00:08:29,520

workstation

239

00:08:34,630 --> 00:08:32,479

but here i am moving something you know

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00:08:36,469 --> 00:08:34,640

all over a space station that's miles

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00:08:39,589 --> 00:08:36,479

away from me without actually ever

242

00:08:42,709 --> 00:08:39,599

touching it and that arm is huge it is

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00:08:44,710 --> 00:08:42,719

it's seven meters 11 meters huge the

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00:08:47,190 --> 00:08:44,720

main arm on the international space

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00:08:49,269 --> 00:08:47,200

station is over 50 feet long i don't

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00:08:50,230 --> 00:08:49,279

remember how much it weighs on earth but

247

00:08:53,030 --> 00:08:50,240

uh

248

00:08:54,710 --> 00:08:53,040

it's not small it's it go across this

249

00:08:56,870 --> 00:08:54,720

room

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00:08:58,150 --> 00:08:56,880

my name is evan and my question is

251

00:09:00,150 --> 00:08:58,160

working at

252

00:09:02,310 --> 00:09:00,160

mission control how many experiments

253

00:09:06,550 --> 00:09:02,320

have you supervised and finished with

254

00:09:10,070 --> 00:09:08,150

that's one of the fun things about the

255

00:09:11,110 --> 00:09:10,080

space station and specifically robotics

256

00:09:14,470 --> 00:09:11,120

is we

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00:09:16,389 --> 00:09:14,480

help start so many experiments i mean we

258

00:09:18,230 --> 00:09:16,399

put the alpha magnetic spectrometer

259

00:09:20,150 --> 00:09:18,240

outside on part of the space station and

260

00:09:23,350 --> 00:09:20,160

it's still to this day looking at the

261

00:09:25,269 --> 00:09:23,360

cosmic rays and how the universe is made

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00:09:27,269 --> 00:09:25,279

i don't know of any experiment that

263

00:09:29,829 --> 00:09:27,279

we've really completed as we just keep

264

00:09:31,829 --> 00:09:29,839

learning more and we keep going and we

265

00:09:35,110 --> 00:09:31,839

get to work with you know installing

266

00:09:37,910 --> 00:09:35,120

these new modules or free flyers like

267

00:09:39,990 --> 00:09:37,920

the dragon vehicle from spacex and the

268

00:09:41,350 --> 00:09:40,000

orbital vehicles and they bring more

269

00:09:43,350 --> 00:09:41,360

science experiments so the science just

270

00:09:44,230 --> 00:09:43,360

keeps going and we in robotics just help

271

00:09:46,230 --> 00:09:44,240

to keep

272

00:09:47,990 --> 00:09:46,240

keep all these experiments coming and

273

00:09:49,910 --> 00:09:48,000

it's a good example too because there's

274

00:09:51,110 --> 00:09:49,920

another one of those dragon spacecraft

275

00:09:53,990 --> 00:09:51,120

that's supposed to be coming up to the

276

00:09:56,710 --> 00:09:54,000

station next week and your arm is is

277

00:09:58,710 --> 00:09:56,720

critical to getting it there we will be

278

00:10:01,750 --> 00:09:58,720

capturing and installing the

279

00:10:04,949 --> 00:10:01,760

third fourth dragon dragon 3 on the 16th

280

00:10:07,350 --> 00:10:04,959

of april we're very excited

281

00:10:08,949 --> 00:10:07,360

my name is eric and my question is what

282

00:10:11,269 --> 00:10:08,959

is the most challenging project you have

283

00:10:12,949 --> 00:10:11,279

worked on

284

00:10:14,949 --> 00:10:12,959

gosh i have to say the most challenging

285

00:10:16,949 --> 00:10:14,959

project i've ever worked on

286

00:10:19,030 --> 00:10:16,959

was when we first started capturing

287

00:10:21,590 --> 00:10:19,040

these free flying vehicles and the first

288

00:10:23,670 --> 00:10:21,600

one that came was an htv from japanese

289

00:10:25,750 --> 00:10:23,680

space agency and it was something that

290

00:10:28,150 --> 00:10:25,760

had never been done before and not

291

00:10:30,150 --> 00:10:28,160

something we had were had ever

292

00:10:31,509 --> 00:10:30,160

really looked into and i got to help and

293

00:10:33,190 --> 00:10:31,519

be on the team that looked into doing

294

00:10:34,630 --> 00:10:33,200

this for the first time how are we going

295

00:10:36,230 --> 00:10:34,640

to train these crew members and what are

296

00:10:38,230 --> 00:10:36,240

we going to do and what does this

297

00:10:39,910 --> 00:10:38,240

operation really look like all from from

298

00:10:42,230 --> 00:10:39,920

scratch all the way until it actually

299

00:10:43,430 --> 00:10:42,240

was captured that first day in 2009 so

300

00:10:44,630 --> 00:10:43,440

it's really nice to be on something all

301  
00:10:46,710 --> 00:10:44,640  
the way from the beginning and get to

302  
00:10:47,750 --> 00:10:46,720  
imagine it and see it played out and

303  
00:10:49,509 --> 00:10:47,760  
it's it

304  
00:10:51,190 --> 00:10:49,519  
if you haven't done it it's hard to

305  
00:10:53,190 --> 00:10:51,200  
imagine because we're talking about a

306  
00:10:54,710 --> 00:10:53,200  
space station and another thing that are

307  
00:10:57,590 --> 00:10:54,720  
both moving at

308  
00:11:00,150 --> 00:10:57,600  
five miles a second and you have to get

309  
00:11:01,990 --> 00:11:00,160  
them relatively so that they they are

310  
00:11:05,350 --> 00:11:02,000  
still so that you can reach out with a

311  
00:11:11,350 --> 00:11:05,360  
giant robot and grab the other thing

312  
00:11:16,310 --> 00:11:14,389  
hi my name is julia and my question is

313  
00:11:18,710 --> 00:11:16,320

by what year would a manned mission to

314

00:11:20,949 --> 00:11:18,720

mars be possible

315

00:11:22,790 --> 00:11:20,959

go ahead

316

00:11:23,750 --> 00:11:22,800

oh gosh i don't know if i can put a year

317

00:11:25,590 --> 00:11:23,760

on that

318

00:11:26,949 --> 00:11:25,600

i think it will be sooner than we all

319

00:11:28,870 --> 00:11:26,959

think and i hope it's sooner than we

320

00:11:30,550 --> 00:11:28,880

think and it will definitely be in one

321

00:11:32,230 --> 00:11:30,560

of our lifetimes and who knows maybe you

322

00:11:34,389 --> 00:11:32,240

could be the first

323

00:11:35,670 --> 00:11:34,399

hello my name is eric reed and my

324

00:11:37,670 --> 00:11:35,680

question is

325

00:11:39,350 --> 00:11:37,680

on what planets have you sent the rover

326

00:11:43,670 --> 00:11:39,360

to

327

00:11:45,190 --> 00:11:43,680

and i think mars is the only planet we

328

00:11:47,350 --> 00:11:45,200

have sent rovers to

329

00:11:49,269 --> 00:11:47,360

we also had manned rovers during the

330

00:11:50,069 --> 00:11:49,279

apollo program on the moon but mars is

331

00:11:55,269 --> 00:11:50,079

our

332

00:11:57,670 --> 00:11:55,279

my name is martine and my question is

333

00:11:59,829 --> 00:11:57,680

how many robots have you built

334

00:12:02,550 --> 00:11:59,839

well on the space station we have a few

335

00:12:04,790 --> 00:12:02,560

robotic arms the canadian space agency

336

00:12:06,790 --> 00:12:04,800

has two and there's the space station

337

00:12:09,509 --> 00:12:06,800

robotic manipulator which is the arm i

338

00:12:11,350 --> 00:12:09,519

work with the most and it's the one that

339

00:12:13,670 --> 00:12:11,360

helps with our when our astronauts are

340

00:12:15,190 --> 00:12:13,680

outside and with and we have these

341

00:12:16,310 --> 00:12:15,200

vehicles coming up and captures them out

342

00:12:17,509 --> 00:12:16,320

of the sky

343

00:12:20,470 --> 00:12:17,519

and then we also have the special

344

00:12:23,190 --> 00:12:20,480

purpose dextrous manipulator and he does

345

00:12:25,590 --> 00:12:23,200

even small tasks with payloads and

346

00:12:27,590 --> 00:12:25,600

and really fine you know tuning things

347

00:12:29,590 --> 00:12:27,600

and he works with different tools

348

00:12:31,670 --> 00:12:29,600

and then the japanese space agency also

349

00:12:33,430 --> 00:12:31,680

built a robot and they have two robots

350

00:12:35,750 --> 00:12:33,440

up there as well

351

00:12:37,590 --> 00:12:35,760

hi my name is madeline and my question

352

00:12:40,310 --> 00:12:37,600

is are there any robots that have a mind

353

00:12:41,509 --> 00:12:40,320

of their own or are they all programmed

354

00:12:44,310 --> 00:12:41,519

actually i've worked for a couple of

355

00:12:45,590 --> 00:12:44,320

robots that had a mind of their own

356

00:12:46,949 --> 00:12:45,600

if they have a mind of their own they

357

00:12:48,550 --> 00:12:46,959

haven't told me yet they're very

358

00:12:49,829 --> 00:12:48,560

secretive but most of them are

359

00:12:51,110 --> 00:12:49,839

programmed but they're programmed so

360

00:12:52,710 --> 00:12:51,120

well you would think they have a mind of

361

00:12:55,190 --> 00:12:52,720

their own

362

00:12:57,590 --> 00:12:55,200

hi my name is hannah and my question is

363

00:12:59,110 --> 00:12:57,600

how do you train for operations on the

364

00:13:00,550 --> 00:12:59,120

iss

365

00:13:02,870 --> 00:13:00,560

well when i'm training to work in

366

00:13:04,870 --> 00:13:02,880

mission control we do these

367

00:13:06,310 --> 00:13:04,880

we do simulations and we do it with the

368

00:13:07,350 --> 00:13:06,320

whole team and it's really exciting

369

00:13:09,269 --> 00:13:07,360

because we'll

370

00:13:11,110 --> 00:13:09,279

you know pretend to do a put the

371

00:13:12,870 --> 00:13:11,120

astronauts outside and we'll have real

372

00:13:14,949 --> 00:13:12,880

crew members participating and we'll

373

00:13:16,310 --> 00:13:14,959

have look at all of our data and get

374

00:13:18,470 --> 00:13:16,320

everything just like it's the real day

375

00:13:20,069 --> 00:13:18,480

but it's a simulation and the whole team

376

00:13:21,910 --> 00:13:20,079

gets to work together and work through

377

00:13:23,829 --> 00:13:21,920

different scenarios that our training

378

00:13:24,790 --> 00:13:23,839

counterparts have come up with

379

00:13:26,870 --> 00:13:24,800

you know

380

00:13:27,670 --> 00:13:26,880

rescuing a crew member or

381

00:13:30,790 --> 00:13:27,680

you know

382

00:13:32,310 --> 00:13:30,800

any kind of failure you might have in

383

00:13:33,910 --> 00:13:32,320

your house is just magnified on the

384

00:13:35,670 --> 00:13:33,920

space station and we plan for it and

385

00:13:37,590 --> 00:13:35,680

train for it it's really exciting to get

386

00:13:40,310 --> 00:13:37,600

everybody together in a room and work

387

00:13:42,470 --> 00:13:40,320

through these different scenarios

388

00:13:44,949 --> 00:13:42,480

my name is olivia and my question is

389

00:13:46,550 --> 00:13:44,959

what kind of instruments do you use

390

00:13:48,870 --> 00:13:46,560

well when we use bunch of different

391

00:13:50,629 --> 00:13:48,880

instruments when we do training we have

392

00:13:52,949 --> 00:13:50,639

the virtual reality lab where our

393

00:13:54,230 --> 00:13:52,959

astronauts and and flight controllers

394

00:13:56,310 --> 00:13:54,240

can train where you actually put a

395

00:13:58,069 --> 00:13:56,320

helmet on like a virtual reality helmet

396

00:13:59,350 --> 00:13:58,079

and you can look out of this helmet and

397

00:14:01,509 --> 00:13:59,360

it looks just like you're on a space

398

00:14:03,670 --> 00:14:01,519

station and there we have a robotic arm

399

00:14:05,350 --> 00:14:03,680

that we can drive around just like we do

400

00:14:07,189 --> 00:14:05,360

and the remember in their helmet can see

401  
00:14:08,710 --> 00:14:07,199  
it and we see it in our in our simulated

402  
00:14:09,509 --> 00:14:08,720  
camera views

403  
00:14:11,110 --> 00:14:09,519  
um

404  
00:14:13,269 --> 00:14:11,120  
on the real day we get telemetry to a

405  
00:14:15,030 --> 00:14:13,279  
computer very similar to how you can

406  
00:14:16,629 --> 00:14:15,040  
download books on the internet and it

407  
00:14:17,990 --> 00:14:16,639  
just comes from space station so we can

408  
00:14:19,189 --> 00:14:18,000  
see everything that's going on up there

409  
00:14:20,629 --> 00:14:19,199  
and look at where

410  
00:14:22,310 --> 00:14:20,639  
where everything is

411  
00:14:23,990 --> 00:14:22,320  
the big thing is our cameras we use a

412  
00:14:25,910 --> 00:14:24,000  
lot of cameras

413  
00:14:28,870 --> 00:14:25,920

i believe that's the um the last of the

414

00:14:31,030 --> 00:14:28,880

student questions we have

415

00:14:33,110 --> 00:14:31,040

all right real quickly this is michael

416

00:14:35,110 --> 00:14:33,120

here at nasa's digital learning network

417

00:14:36,470 --> 00:14:35,120

just wanted to see do you guys have any

418

00:14:38,629 --> 00:14:36,480

additional ones maybe that weren't

419

00:14:40,310 --> 00:14:38,639

written down initially that you uh

420

00:14:42,710 --> 00:14:40,320

thought about as we did our first

421

00:14:43,670 --> 00:14:42,720

portion or you actually connected with

422

00:14:45,030 --> 00:14:43,680

uh

423

00:14:47,910 --> 00:14:45,040

myself

424

00:14:50,389 --> 00:14:47,920

looks like we got a few hands

425

00:14:52,629 --> 00:14:50,399

hi my name is isaac and i would like to

426

00:14:55,110 --> 00:14:52,639

ask what programming language do you use

427

00:14:56,829 --> 00:14:55,120

to program robots

428

00:14:58,870 --> 00:14:56,839

that is a great

429

00:15:00,230 --> 00:14:58,880

question and i'm not actually on the

430

00:15:02,069 --> 00:15:00,240

program team and i don't know the

431

00:15:04,310 --> 00:15:02,079

specific language as i mentioned the arm

432

00:15:06,069 --> 00:15:04,320

is built by the canadian space agency

433

00:15:07,990 --> 00:15:06,079

and they took care of all of that for us

434

00:15:09,269 --> 00:15:08,000

what we get to deal with a lot is more

435

00:15:11,269 --> 00:15:09,279

like what that looks like on our

436

00:15:12,389 --> 00:15:11,279

computer screens with the data that

437

00:15:13,990 --> 00:15:12,399

comes down and how it's already

438

00:15:19,430 --> 00:15:14,000

processed

439

00:15:24,550 --> 00:15:21,670

it's a combination actually there is an

440

00:15:26,629 --> 00:15:24,560

official language that's english

441

00:15:28,389 --> 00:15:26,639

but right now for example you've got

442

00:15:31,430 --> 00:15:28,399

crew members who are from the united

443

00:15:33,670 --> 00:15:31,440

states and from russia and japan and of

444

00:15:34,949 --> 00:15:33,680

course they all speak their own native

445

00:15:36,550 --> 00:15:34,959

languages

446

00:15:38,470 --> 00:15:36,560

because they've been training together

447

00:15:40,790 --> 00:15:38,480

for a long time and working together to

448

00:15:42,949 --> 00:15:40,800

prepare for the flight and then fly it

449

00:15:44,790 --> 00:15:42,959

they've all learned a little bit of all

450

00:15:46,310 --> 00:15:44,800

the other languages and i've heard some

451  
00:15:48,150 --> 00:15:46,320  
crews say that they've really developed

452  
00:15:49,749 --> 00:15:48,160  
a language of their own they can always

453  
00:15:52,069 --> 00:15:49,759  
communicate with each other through some

454  
00:15:55,030 --> 00:15:52,079  
combination of english and russian

455  
00:15:57,509 --> 00:15:55,040  
we also have european astronauts who fly

456  
00:15:59,670 --> 00:15:57,519  
who bring a variety of their languages

457  
00:16:01,110 --> 00:15:59,680  
as well so

458  
00:16:02,470 --> 00:16:01,120  
when they talk to the ground when they

459  
00:16:04,150 --> 00:16:02,480  
talk to houston they're speaking in

460  
00:16:05,590 --> 00:16:04,160  
english but they could be speaking in

461  
00:16:08,230 --> 00:16:05,600  
other languages when they talk to other

462  
00:16:10,710 --> 00:16:08,240  
control centers too

463  
00:16:12,310 --> 00:16:10,720

my name is savannah

464

00:16:14,069 --> 00:16:12,320

my question is

465

00:16:16,870 --> 00:16:14,079

did your parents support you through

466

00:16:18,550 --> 00:16:16,880

what you wanted to do

467

00:16:20,870 --> 00:16:18,560

my parents were very supportive with

468

00:16:22,230 --> 00:16:20,880

what i wanted to do and encouraged me

469

00:16:23,990 --> 00:16:22,240

all through college and when i got the

470

00:16:25,430 --> 00:16:24,000

job here at nasa

471

00:16:27,350 --> 00:16:25,440

the space station is very exciting and

472

00:16:28,790 --> 00:16:27,360

my family was very excited when i chose

473

00:16:31,749 --> 00:16:28,800

this career path as well and supported

474

00:16:38,470 --> 00:16:34,949

hi my name is olivia i was wondering

475

00:16:40,949 --> 00:16:38,480

if you have a regular daily basis and if

476  
00:16:42,629 --> 00:16:40,959  
you do what is it

477  
00:16:45,350 --> 00:16:42,639  
a daily schedule

478  
00:16:48,550 --> 00:16:45,360  
a regular daily schedule

479  
00:16:51,430 --> 00:16:48,560  
um

480  
00:16:53,430 --> 00:16:51,440  
we do and we don't when

481  
00:16:55,430 --> 00:16:53,440  
there is nothing going on

482  
00:16:57,749 --> 00:16:55,440  
robotically on the space station our day

483  
00:16:59,910 --> 00:16:57,759  
looks just like a normal work day where

484  
00:17:01,110 --> 00:16:59,920  
we come into the office and we we work

485  
00:17:02,470 --> 00:17:01,120  
on our plans

486  
00:17:03,910 --> 00:17:02,480  
when it gets really interesting is when

487  
00:17:05,750 --> 00:17:03,920  
we do have robotics plans and those

488  
00:17:07,350 --> 00:17:05,760

plans will go in and you find out about

489

00:17:09,110 --> 00:17:07,360

those weeks in advance you can really

490

00:17:11,029 --> 00:17:09,120

prepare for them and that's when you'll

491

00:17:12,630 --> 00:17:11,039

come in and you come onto console and

492

00:17:14,230 --> 00:17:12,640

you'll set up your workstation so you

493

00:17:16,069 --> 00:17:14,240

can see all the telemetry and the data

494

00:17:18,069 --> 00:17:16,079

that you need for whatever task it is

495

00:17:19,590 --> 00:17:18,079

you're doing that day and review the

496

00:17:21,350 --> 00:17:19,600

operation that you'll be doing that day

497

00:17:22,949 --> 00:17:21,360

and then actually execute it and you'll

498

00:17:25,189 --> 00:17:22,959

go through your shift and execute your

499

00:17:26,949 --> 00:17:25,199

procedures or whatever plan it is that

500

00:17:28,309 --> 00:17:26,959

you have in order to complete the task

501

00:17:31,990 --> 00:17:28,319

that you're doing whether it's a free

502

00:17:33,350 --> 00:17:32,000

flyer capture or a science experiment or

503

00:17:34,950 --> 00:17:33,360

working with the special purpose

504

00:17:36,470 --> 00:17:34,960

dexterous manipulator all those

505

00:17:38,150 --> 00:17:36,480

activities you'll go through and plan

506

00:17:40,070 --> 00:17:38,160

and then at the end you'll review your

507

00:17:43,029 --> 00:17:40,080

data make sure you have everything ready

508

00:17:45,590 --> 00:17:43,039

for the next team before you hand off

509

00:17:47,110 --> 00:17:45,600

hello my name is aiden and my question

510

00:17:48,710 --> 00:17:47,120

is how long do you expect the

511

00:17:50,789 --> 00:17:48,720

international space station to stay

512

00:17:53,270 --> 00:17:50,799

living livable

513

00:17:54,549 --> 00:17:53,280

how long will it stay livable

514

00:17:56,630 --> 00:17:54,559

they well it's

515

00:17:58,950 --> 00:17:56,640

the partners have recently made an

516

00:18:02,549 --> 00:17:58,960

agreement to extend the life for another

517

00:18:05,270 --> 00:18:02,559

10 years that's to 2024.

518

00:18:07,350 --> 00:18:05,280

i think that there's some thought among

519

00:18:09,430 --> 00:18:07,360

some people that with a with the right

520

00:18:11,990 --> 00:18:09,440

kind of work it might be able to fly for

521

00:18:14,150 --> 00:18:12,000

even longer than that but right now uh

522

00:18:16,630 --> 00:18:14,160

we're looking at the station flying

523

00:18:18,950 --> 00:18:16,640

until 2024.

524

00:18:21,909 --> 00:18:18,960

hi my name is jenna and i was wondering

525

00:18:24,070 --> 00:18:21,919

what college you went to

526

00:18:29,830 --> 00:18:24,080

i went to the university of nevada in

527

00:18:36,549 --> 00:18:32,230

um when you're on the space station

528

00:18:40,789 --> 00:18:38,630

well the space station uses greenwich

529

00:18:43,990 --> 00:18:40,799

mean time which is a little different

530

00:18:45,750 --> 00:18:44,000

than houston time and can change

531

00:18:47,190 --> 00:18:45,760

periodically change back and greenwich

532

00:18:49,350 --> 00:18:47,200

meantime is

533

00:18:50,150 --> 00:18:49,360

essentially the same as london because

534

00:18:56,230 --> 00:18:50,160

the

535

00:18:59,029 --> 00:18:56,240

to pick just one time to operate on so

536

00:19:02,070 --> 00:18:59,039

on board it's a greenwich mean time

537

00:19:04,630 --> 00:19:02,080

which right now is five hours ahead of

538

00:19:07,510 --> 00:19:04,640

houston time

539

00:19:09,830 --> 00:19:07,520

hi i'm michael and do you think nasa has

540

00:19:13,110 --> 00:19:09,840

the technology and robots to search the

541

00:19:14,390 --> 00:19:13,120

water for the missing malaysia airplane

542

00:19:19,350 --> 00:19:14,400

that took longer for that question to

543

00:19:22,390 --> 00:19:21,270

i think if nasa has the technology to do

544

00:19:24,470 --> 00:19:22,400

it they would be doing everything they

545

00:19:26,310 --> 00:19:24,480

can to try to find it

546

00:19:28,150 --> 00:19:26,320

and they are doing everything they can

547

00:19:31,110 --> 00:19:28,160

i know we do have we have been using

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00:19:34,310 --> 00:19:31,120

some of the cameras on board the station

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00:19:35,909 --> 00:19:34,320

to take pictures of the search areas

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00:19:37,510 --> 00:19:35,919

and they they have contributed in that

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00:19:39,750 --> 00:19:37,520

way

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00:19:41,430 --> 00:19:39,760

hello my name is elissa and i was

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00:19:42,549 --> 00:19:41,440

wondering if there is a problem with the

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00:19:44,549 --> 00:19:42,559

connection

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00:19:45,750 --> 00:19:44,559

how it

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00:19:48,150 --> 00:19:45,760

if there was a problem with the

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00:19:50,789 --> 00:19:48,160

connection to the people on the iss who

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00:19:52,789 --> 00:19:50,799

would you talk to to fix it

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00:19:54,230 --> 00:19:52,799

well it would be a combination of our

560

00:19:55,750 --> 00:19:54,240

communications experts here on the

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00:19:57,990 --> 00:19:55,760

ground as well as our astronauts on

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00:19:59,669 --> 00:19:58,000

board you can believe if we've lost

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00:20:01,510 --> 00:19:59,679

communication with our space station for

564

00:20:03,110 --> 00:20:01,520

any reason everybody is trying to

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00:20:04,870 --> 00:20:03,120

recover it and they'll be looking on

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00:20:06,149 --> 00:20:04,880

both sides both on the space station and

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00:20:09,590 --> 00:20:06,159

here on the ground for what could

568

00:20:12,870 --> 00:20:09,600

possibly be the reason and fixing it

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00:20:15,990 --> 00:20:12,880

hi my name is colby and

570

00:20:18,070 --> 00:20:16,000

why is the international space station

571

00:20:24,070 --> 00:20:18,080

shaped the way it is

572

00:20:25,510 --> 00:20:24,080

a lot of it has to do it it wasn't

573

00:20:27,029 --> 00:20:25,520

i don't think they started off thinking

574

00:20:29,750 --> 00:20:27,039

let's have a station that looks like

575

00:20:31,830 --> 00:20:29,760

this it looks like it does because the

576

00:20:34,310 --> 00:20:31,840

components are built to to serve a

577

00:20:36,549 --> 00:20:34,320

purpose uh it's got these giant solar

578

00:20:38,549 --> 00:20:36,559

array wings out there because they need

579

00:20:40,470 --> 00:20:38,559

them to generate electro electrical

580

00:20:43,190 --> 00:20:40,480

power that runs everything on it for

581

00:20:44,950 --> 00:20:43,200

example and so i mean if you were flying

582

00:20:47,029 --> 00:20:44,960

through the air that wouldn't be a good

583

00:20:48,710 --> 00:20:47,039

shape when you're flying in orbit the

584

00:20:50,789 --> 00:20:48,720

shape doesn't matter it's not not a

585

00:20:52,950 --> 00:20:50,799

question of being moving smoothly

586

00:20:54,710 --> 00:20:52,960

through the air because there is no air

587

00:20:56,630 --> 00:20:54,720

and all of the rest of the components of

588

00:20:58,549 --> 00:20:56,640

it too are built with that in mind that

589

00:20:59,990 --> 00:20:58,559

that along with the

590

00:21:02,310 --> 00:21:00,000

knowing that they had to be a certain

591

00:21:04,470 --> 00:21:02,320

shape in order to fit inside the space

592

00:21:05,909 --> 00:21:04,480

shuttle or or russian rockets in order

593

00:21:07,510 --> 00:21:05,919

to be launched

594

00:21:09,270 --> 00:21:07,520

we couldn't be

595

00:21:10,870 --> 00:21:09,280

much bigger than that in terms of the

596

00:21:13,909 --> 00:21:10,880

cylinders because they wouldn't have fit

597

00:21:16,310 --> 00:21:13,919

inside the shuttle in the first place

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00:21:18,470 --> 00:21:16,320

and corpus christi catholic school this

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00:21:20,149 --> 00:21:18,480

is nasa's johnson space center this is a

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00:21:22,390 --> 00:21:20,159

digital learning network it looks like

601  
00:21:24,230 --> 00:21:22,400  
we've run out of time so i wanted to see

602  
00:21:27,029 --> 00:21:24,240  
if you want to say any final words uh

603  
00:21:28,710 --> 00:21:27,039  
maybe a teacher uh speak up and

604  
00:21:31,029 --> 00:21:28,720  
thank our very special guests in mission

605  
00:21:33,430 --> 00:21:31,039  
control for actually connecting for this

606  
00:21:35,430 --> 00:21:33,440  
live educational event

607  
00:21:37,270 --> 00:21:35,440  
on behalf of corpus christi catholic

608  
00:21:38,789 --> 00:21:37,280  
school we'd like um to thank you for

609  
00:21:40,950 --> 00:21:38,799  
taking the time out of your day to talk

610  
00:21:42,870 --> 00:21:40,960  
to our students i know they were looking

611  
00:21:45,110 --> 00:21:42,880  
very forward to this