

STEMonstrations



ORBITS

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00:00:00,967 --> 00:00:15,548
[MUSIC]

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00:00:15,548 --> 00:00:16,783
>> HELLO!

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00:00:16,783 --> 00:00:18,118
MY NAME IS SCOTT TINGLE,

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00:00:18,118 --> 00:00:19,085
AND I'M LIVING AND WORKING

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00:00:19,085 --> 00:00:20,353
ONBOARD THE INTERNATIONAL

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00:00:20,353 --> 00:00:22,055
SPACE STATION.

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00:00:22,055 --> 00:00:23,456
YOU KNOW, I LOVE MY VIEWS

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00:00:23,456 --> 00:00:24,691
FROM THE CUPOLA.

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00:00:24,691 --> 00:00:25,759
IT'S OUR ORBITING ALTITUDE

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00:00:25,759 --> 00:00:27,127
OF AROUND 400 KILOMETERS

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00:00:27,127 --> 00:00:28,795
OR 250 MILES ABOVE THE EARTH'S

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00:00:28,795 --> 00:00:29,863
SURFACE THAT GIVE US

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00:00:29,863 --> 00:00:31,698

THESE UNIQUE PERSPECTIVES.

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00:00:31,698 --> 00:00:32,399

LET'S EXPLORE

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00:00:32,399 --> 00:00:34,100

HOW OUR ISS ORBITS WORK.

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00:00:34,100 --> 00:00:36,369

COME ON!

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00:00:36,369 --> 00:00:38,338

FIRST, I SHOULD EXPLAIN--

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00:00:38,338 --> 00:00:39,472

ORBITS ARE ELLIPTICAL,

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00:00:39,472 --> 00:00:40,774

OR OVAL, IN SHAPE, WITH SOME

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00:00:40,774 --> 00:00:42,509

BEING ALMOST CIRCULAR.

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00:00:42,509 --> 00:00:43,843

PLANETS, COMETS, AND MOONS

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00:00:43,843 --> 00:00:45,478

HAVE ELLIPTICAL ORBITS.

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00:00:45,478 --> 00:00:47,247

SPACECRAFT ORBITING EARTH

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00:00:47,247 --> 00:00:48,615

LIKE THE SPACE STATION ARE

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00:00:48,615 --> 00:00:50,049

PLACED INTO A NEARLY CIRCULAR

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00:00:50,049 --> 00:00:51,451
ORBIT TO KEEP A CONSISTENT

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00:00:51,451 --> 00:00:52,619
ALTITUDE AS THEY TRAVEL

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00:00:52,619 --> 00:00:54,120
AROUND THE PLANET.

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00:00:56,322 --> 00:00:57,757
LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT THE EARTH.

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00:00:57,757 --> 00:00:58,858
IT HAS A RADIUS OF

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00:00:58,858 --> 00:01:01,961
6,378 KILOMETERS.

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00:01:01,961 --> 00:01:03,229
AND THE STATION ORBITS

33
00:01:03,229 --> 00:01:04,497
ABOUT 400 KILOMETERS

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00:01:04,497 --> 00:01:05,432
ABOVE THE SURFACE

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00:01:05,432 --> 00:01:07,867
AT 8 KILOMETERS PER SECOND.

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00:01:07,867 --> 00:01:12,272
THAT'S 17,500 MILES PER HOUR.

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00:01:12,272 --> 00:01:13,640
SEE IF YOU CAN USE THESE VALUES

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00:01:13,640 --> 00:01:15,275

TO CALCULATE HOW FAR--

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00:01:15,275 --> 00:01:16,276

HOW LONG WE TRAVEL

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00:01:16,276 --> 00:01:18,178

IN ONE ORBIT AROUND THE EARTH.

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00:01:18,178 --> 00:01:19,145

ALL OF THIS INFORMATION

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00:01:19,145 --> 00:01:20,046

AND MORE ACTIVITIES

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00:01:20,046 --> 00:01:21,748

RELATED TO ORBITS ARE AVAILABLE

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00:01:21,748 --> 00:01:23,783

IN THE ACCOMPANYING LESSON PLAN

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00:01:23,783 --> 00:01:27,821

AT NASA.GOV/STEMONSTATION.

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00:01:30,423 --> 00:01:32,158

>> ANSWERS COMING IN.

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00:01:32,158 --> 00:01:36,563

>> FOUR, THREE, TWO, ONE.

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00:01:36,563 --> 00:01:37,664

>> THE ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS,

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00:01:37,664 --> 00:01:38,798

BY THE WAY, ARE APPROXIMATELY

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00:01:38,798 --> 00:01:40,834

42,600 KILOMETERS

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00:01:40,834 --> 00:01:42,068
IN 90 MINUTES.

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00:01:42,068 --> 00:01:43,236
AND DUE TO OUR ALTITUDE

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00:01:43,236 --> 00:01:44,270
ON ORBIT, WE HAVE

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00:01:44,270 --> 00:01:45,705
OUR VERY UNIQUE AND AWESOME

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00:01:45,705 --> 00:01:46,739
VIEW OF THE EARTH.

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00:01:46,739 --> 00:01:47,574
THANKS FOR EXPLORING

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00:01:47,574 --> 00:01:48,508
WITH ME TODAY.

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00:01:48,508 --> 00:01:49,209
I'M GONNA SEND YOU

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00:01:49,209 --> 00:01:50,043
BACK TO EARTH NOW

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00:01:50,043 --> 00:01:50,777
SO YOU CAN START

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00:01:50,777 --> 00:01:51,978
YOUR CHALLENGE ON ORBITS.