

Tim Peake

Who Is Tim Peake?

Timothy Nigel 'Tim' Peake is a British astronaut who was born in Chichester, West Sussex, England, on 7th April 1972.

Tim's Childhood

Tim grew up in a village with his older sister, mother and father. At an early age, Tim was fascinated with flying because his father took him to air shows.

He went to school at the Chichester High School for Boys.

After Tim Left School

- In 1990, Tim went to the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst.
- He trained to be a pilot and worked for 18 years for the army.
- In 2008, Tim applied to become an astronaut.
- In 2009, Tim began his astronaut training at the European Astronaut Corps.

Blast Off!

In December 2015, Tim Peake launched alongside two other astronauts. Tim reached his destination on the same day.

He spent six months living in space. During that time, he completed a spacewalk, which means he left the space station to complete jobs outside in space. This was watched by millions of people on Earth with excitement.

Home Again

Tim returned to Earth in June 2016, landing in Kazakhstan. During his mission, Tim made 3000 orbits of the Earth.

It took two months for Tim's body to recover from the effects of zero gravity.



Did You Know?

- Tim's first meal on board the ISS was a bacon sandwich and cup of tea.
- While in space, Tim travelled about 125 million km.
- Tim was the first British astronaut to complete a spacewalk.
- During Tim's return to Earth, he travelled at 25 times the speed of sound.

Questions

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- 18th June 2016
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Pupils' own responses, such as: I think people watched Tim's spacewalk with excitement because he was the first British astronaut to complete one and he had become very famous before going into space.