

NASA



Out of this world



I wanted to be an astronaut ☐☐. I wanted to be the 13th person to walk on the moon! But that's never going to happen because I don't have nearly enough money I can barely afford a chocolate bar and they are just £2! Mum didn't agree with me going up into space she said it would make my long frizzy hair fall out (so not true!).

"Oh, mum it's not fair, other people have been to the moon!"

"Yes, but they are adults and probably have less hair than you."

Oh it's so annoying, she doesn't get it! I'm just preparing her for the future, when hopefully I will be an astronaut and I will have been to the moon and back, and the greatest bonus would be if I could do all that within a year. That won't happen though, it takes months to organise something like that I'm sure. So at the moment I think I'm going to have to stick with being a school girl ☐☐.

Night time is my favourite time of the day all the stars ☐ light up the sky and I regularly see some shooting stars ☐. It's a bummer really I only stay up till 8:00 pm but I spend an hour just gazing out into the sky. The next day was the same as all days, I would walk to school with my friends and then I have to put up with **Mr. Browhead**, that's our teacher, yep it's a weird name but it's not as weird as the man himself! Have you seen him teach!

"Right class let's begin, we'll start off with maths"...he would say in the most boring voice possible ☐, the exact opposite of **Mrs. Pondwell** our favourite teacher ☐☐ she is the year 4 teacher, she is so nice and gives out sweets every Friday! oh I wish I was in year 4, only I'm not, I'm in year 6 and of course we get the oldest, unenthusiastic teacher out of mankind! I had to stop myself from falling asleep ☐.

School was over I went down to Tesco express, to get some sweets (yes I know I said I couldn't afford a chocolate bar but I was being dramatic, you know for exiting effects,) I picked out my all time faves, some swizzle double lollies, sour watermelons and a packet of rainbow strips! Ohhh, yummy ☐! Then I noticed a magazine with a big caption saying : **A competition for all ages, to win 2 tickets to the National Space Station (closing dates on pages 5 - 4).**

"Wow ☐ I said looking over at Ben (the shop keeper

"I think you should enter, you have as best chance as anyone else!"

"Can I take the newspaper?☐"

"Of course, let it be on the house I know how much it means to you!"

"Oh thank's, you're the best" I said running out of the shop dashing over to our house ☐

I was very careful trying not to drop anything, I couldn't really see where I was going because everything piled up in front of me. When I got home I rushed up stairs and into my bedroom dropping the sweets down on my desk and flopping down onto my bed. I read the competition page carefully: *Two lucky winners will receive a trip to the National Space Station, all you have to do is answer this question : **How many people have landed on the moon ?:***

A : 54

B : 25.

C : 12 "I know the answer!" I cried.....

"It's c, it's c!" I said jumping up and down.

Mum shouted up asking me to stop jumping because it was annoying her so I ran on the spot, a way of letting out all my excitement! She ended up coming up stairs she looked cross but when I told her about the competition she seemed to understand.

"Wait a second" she said "The competition centre is in London, 3 hours away from here, how are we going to get there?"

"Well aren't we going to see aunt Lisa next week and it closes the following weekend So we can go then!" I said pointing out the Closing dates.

"We'll just have to hang on till then." I said smiling up at her.

Okay! So right now we are on our way to London. I've brought my newspaper with the circled answer, I was fidgeting with excitement and nervousness ☐ ☐ because could I be too late! Or could I have been too early? You never know they might not have opened up yet, it's only 11 amoh okay now I'm starting to worry! Breathe... in out. Right no need to panic just have to hold on!

"We are here!" I said jumping out the car ☐

"Yes, okay you can go on and give the lady your answer sheet" Mum said

"Yes, yes. Yes!" I shouted running over to the auto magic door.

"Careful the doors are auto magic!"

Too late I had ran head first into them not waiting for them to open....

"Ow!" I said, rubbing my head..

"Are you okay?" Mum said sounding worried.

"I'm fine, but I won't be if I lose, come on!" I said yanking her arm to come in.

"You can go in, I just need to fill the car up with petrol!" She said turning back to the car.

But by this time I was already inside side the shop showing the lady the correct answer.

"Well you're a smart little girl aren't you!". The shop lady said grinning at me.

"Well I am when it comes to space quizzes I'm mad about rockets and planets, I love them and it's my dream to fly up into space!" I said enthusiastically.

"Well we'll let you know if you've won in a few hours okay?"

"Brilliant!" I said heading through the door giving the lady a wave goodbye ☐

I ran over to the car and hopped in telling mum that we'll know whether or not



I had won within a few hours, she nodded and started the engine.
Right we are going to see aunt Lisa then we can grab a pizza ☐.”
She said smiling back at me ☐, when we got to aunt Lisa’s house she had a big bag of presents waiting for me .

“Wow !” I said.

“These are for you.” Lisa said “I’ve heard you’ve done very well with your school work so I got a few things for you!” She said hugging me.

“Thank you so much, wow!” I said having a look inside the bag ☐

She had brought me a **planet covered nighty** which I had once seen in a shop and said I loved it,
A space note book and pencils I loved them **and a space cap** ☐

“Wow these are amazing!” I said “thank you soooo much!” I said hugging her tightly!

“You are welcome, now then who wants **PIZZA** ☐!” She said grabbing her bag ☐.

“Me me me!” I said opening the door.

“Okay then let’s go pizza style!” She said laughing ☐ getting out her jacket with pizza slices on and getting into the car ☐. As we drive to the pizza place I told aunt Lisa about the space competition and if I win I would take her with me.

“Oh wow that sounds amazing!” She said giving me (well trying to) a hug ☐.

“Yea I know the best competition ever☐” I said grinning ☐

“We’ll just have to wait though, but please don’t get too excited I’m sure many other people have entered.” Mum said spoiling the moment.

“I know but I have as good a chance as anyone.” I said making the point.

“Okay, okay but I’m just saying don’t be upset ☐ If you don’t win!” Mum said.

“Yes your mums got a point .”

“I know, okay I know but **I have a chance don’t !!!!**” I said **getting quite annoyed**

We didn’t say anything till we got to the pizza place. I felt bad now.

“I’m sorry ☐ .” I said facing Aunty Lisa and Mum.

“It’s okay ☐ I can see why you got annoyed.” Said Mum taking hold of my hand.

“Yeah we should be saying sorry not you.” Lisa said hugging me (again!)

We walked in and ordered three medium ham and cheese pizzas Ohhhh , they were yummy so so yummy.

“Thank you so much for getting the pizza guys.” I said looking at Lisa and Mum who were sat opposite me.

"You are very welcome." Mum said

"Who wants ice cream I'll pay ☐!" Lisa said.

"Oh can I have a strawberry ☐ ice cream please?" Mum said.

"Yes, what about you Ava?" Lisa said.

"Ummm ☐ please can I have the bubble gum ice cream ?" I said starring hopefully at Mum who hadn't let me have bubble gum ice cream before.

"Yes that's fine, as a special treat though okay ☐!" Mum said.

"Yes thank you so much." I said.

When Lisa came back to the table she handed me the largest ice cream ☐ with 3 scoops and a flake with sprinkles.

"Oh wow thanks!" I said gazing at it in awe.

"You are welcome." Lisa said "Now let's tuck in!"

"What flavour did you get?" I asked.

"I got lemon and lime." Lisa said smiling

Ping ping ping ping ping

"Ah my phone !" I said grabbing it out of my pocket....." I think it's from the lady at the shop?"

"Okay answer it then!"Ssaid Lisa.

I pressed the accept button

"Yes yes yes yes yes yes yes ☐!" I said "I've done it I won !!!!!!"

"Wow really !" Said Mum.

"I have, look I've done it, I've actually done ✓it!" I said jumping up from my seat.

"Well done, you deserve it ." Said auntLisa.

"The lady said we need to go and collect the tickets before the end of the day!" I said.

"Okay let's go now then!" Said Mum. I was surprised because she hadn't been that exited but I guess she thought I wasn't going to get it. Wow this felt amazing ☐!

As we got to the shop, the lady handed us the tickets and a leaflet.

"You'll need this when you get to the space shuttle, the dates are on the tickets ☐ I advise you read them carefully though!" She said.

"Oh we will!" I said staring at them.

"Thank you." Said mum walking out the shop door.

I followed her still staring in awe at the tickets ☐ I couldn't believe it, I am going up into space, wow ☐!

"It's next week!" I said pointing it out to Lisa.

"Oh okay just enough time to pack!" Lisa said.

"I know, it's because it's half term next week!" Mum said.

"Do you mind if I take Lisa Mum?" I asked.

"No of course not, I hate heights, it would be a nightmare for me anyway!" She said.

"Okay ☐!" I said smiling at her ☐.

The following week

"Okay, today's the day Ava goes up into space!" I said posing ☐.

"Right what have you packed?" Mum said.

"Ummm let's see.... ." I began... "My new nighty, my note book and pencils ☐, underwear , camera..... ☐, Saturn (my teddy bear) and my clothes of course and finally the tickets ☐ which are in the front pocket!" I said zipping my suitcase ☐ up !

"Okay perfect, let's go and pick aunt Lisa up then!" She said.

OMG! I could not begin to say how excited I was,!!,,!!!,, ☐☐☐☐☐☐

"Hi aunt Lisa!" I said jumping out and running over to her ...

"Hello my little astronaut ☐☐!" She said.

"Are you ready to go, we don't want to miss take off!" I said pulling her arm.

"Okay I'm coming." She said.

As we drove to the take off pad aunt Lisa and I were talking about what we had brought.

She had a lot more things than me. As mum parked up outside the station ☐ we leaned out of the car and got our suit cases out.

"Okay you ready?" Lisa said.

"You bet I am!" I said.

A man walked through the entrance in a space suit.

"Good morning lady's, are you our lucky winners?" He said.

"Yes we are!" I said jumping up and down.

"Okay if you would like to follow me please." He said.

We followed him all the way to the shuttle.

"Wow ☐ !" I said, my jaw had dropped.

"This is the rocket you'll be flying in.
I will be your tour guide and assistant if you have any
Questions." He said smiling at u.

"Can we go inside yet?" I said.

"We need to get you kitted up first!" He said laughing ☐

"Oh yes sorry I forgot!" I said.

"It's okay, now then follow me please." He said walking through a door saying **changing room**,
I cannot believe this is happening!

"Wow ☐ !" Lisa said finally managing to find some words to say

"These will be your suits !" He said pointing out to two
suits next to each other one smaller, one bigger.
He told us about how important things were and
safety. By this time Mum had said good bye and left.
2 hours passed and finally we entered the rocket ☐
with our suitcases ☐ in hand . It felt so unreal.

The man showed us our rooms and let us unpack
then we met up with him an hour later in the launch room. We sat hand in hand ☐ giggling ☐
He came and strapped us in firmly.

"Now you will feel weird when the rocket takes off, but don't worry ☐ it will be fine afterwards!"

He explained what we would be doing and how things would run. We were the first people ever to
go up in space for a week and we were not even astronauts!!

"You will be known as Astronauts after this trip lady's." He said.

"Yay ☐ !" I said shaking Lisa hand.

"Okay are you ready?" He said.

"We were born ready!" Said Lisa.

10 , 9 , 8 , 7 , 6 , 5 , 4 , 3,2,1 blast off !

(This is the point where the rocket took off)
“.....eek this is so exiting !” I said hugging Lisa.

20 seconds later we were in space taking photos and looking for planets ☐ or meteors ☞☐

Wow it felt good to be up in space to be an astronaut ☐☐ !
Wait a minute I've forgotten my toothbrush !!!!!

