



Exceptional News

Dragon Test Successful



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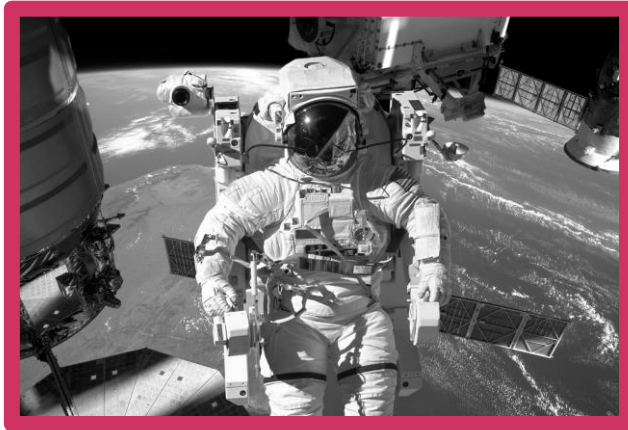
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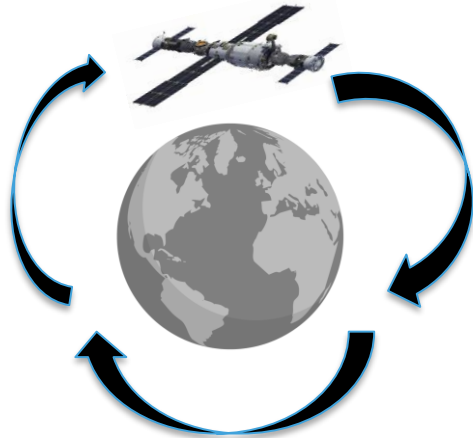
NASA is in charge of space programs in the United States.



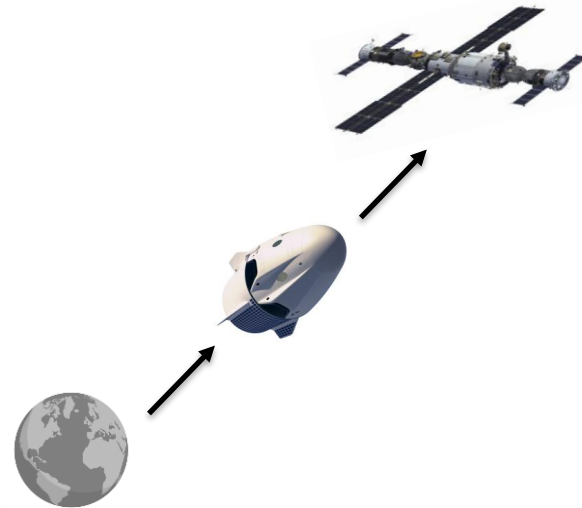
NASA's has a program called the International Space Station (ISS).



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The ISS orbits the Earth.
Astronauts work on the ISS.



A Russian spacecraft has been taking American astronauts to the ISS. NASA wanted their own spacecraft to take astronauts to the ISS.



NASA paid Elon Musk's company, SpaceX, to make a spacecraft. It's called Dragon. Elon wants everyone, not just astronauts, to travel to Mars some day!

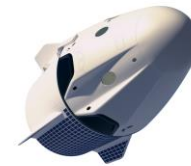


March 2nd Dragon was ready for a test run to be sure it was safe. It launched from the Kennedy Space Center in Florida.



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Dragon went to the ISS with no problem! Elon hoped that Dragon would make it back safe.



On March 8th, Dragon left the ISS and came back to Earth. Four parachutes opened to help Dragon land safely.



Dragon landed in the Atlantic Ocean. The test was a success! Soon Dragon will be able to take people to the ISS!



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