



Read the story carefully. Then answer each question below in a full sentence using evidence from the text.

Life Aboard the ISS



Commander Eva woke up slowly, her body gently bumping against the sleeping bag attached to the wall. Outside her small window, Earth spun by, a beautiful blue marble. She pushed off the wall and floated towards the galley. "Good morning, Earth!" she thought, smiling. Everything was weightless up here. Her toothbrush floated if she let go. It was a strange but wonderful way to live.

After a quick breakfast of rehydrated eggs, Eva checked the experiments. Today, she was studying how plants grow without gravity. The International Space Station travels around Earth at an incredible speed, about 17,500 miles per hour! It makes a full orbit every 90 minutes. Sometimes, she would look out the Cupola, a special window. The sight of continents and oceans passing below was breathtaking. She often felt a quiet hum from the station's many machines.

Later, Eva had a video call with her family. Her daughter asked if she missed home. "Of course," Eva replied, "but seeing Earth from space makes me feel so connected to everyone." She remembered the first time she floated freely. "I can't believe I'm floating here!" she had whispered to herself. The recycled air had a faint, metallic smell, but she barely noticed it anymore. Every day on the ISS was an adventure, a chance to learn more about space and our home planet.

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

(1) What speed does the International Space Station travel around Earth?



(2) What does the word "galley" mean in this story?

(3) What is the main idea of this story?

(4) Why did Commander Eva feel connected to everyone when she looked at Earth from space?

(5)



Which sentence shows that Commander Eva found living in space to be a strange but wonderful experience?

(6) If you could float in space like Commander Eva, what would be the first thing you would want to do?

