

Katy Perry's Space Flight

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A group of six women, including pop singer Katy Perry, flew to space this week on a rocket. The mission was meant to celebrate women and inspire young girls. But instead of praise, it got a lot of criticism.

Many people said the trip wasted a lot of money, hurt the environment, and was just a way to get attention for the company Blue Origin, started by billionaire Jeff Bezos. The flight lasted only 11 minutes, and they were in space for just three minutes. During that short time, Katy Perry promoted her new concert tour. After landing, she kissed the ground and said she felt "super connected to love." Some people said she was being too dramatic. They compared the short trip to real space missions by female astronauts, like Sunita Williams. She recently had to stay in space for over nine months because of problems with her shuttle.



The Blue Origin flight was fully automatic. This means the crew did not control the rocket. Because of this, some people said it was more like a space ride than a real mission.

The first woman in space, Valentina Tereshkova from the Soviet Union, flew to space in 1963. She spent almost three days going around the Earth. Critics said this Blue Origin trip had no scientific value compared to that.

Fans were also surprised because Katy Perry has talked about climate change before, but rockets are bad for the environment. Many people were confused and disappointed by the trip and its message.

Comprehension Questions:

1. People thought that Katy Perry was being too dramatic when she kissed the ground after the 11-minute flight. What does "dramatic" mean?

- a) Quiet and calm
- b) Showing strong emotions to get attention
- c) Not interested in anything
- d) Tired and confused

2. What does the article suggest about the environment and rockets?

- a) Rockets clean the air.
- b) Rockets help fight climate change.
- c) Rockets are only used for concerts.
- d) Rockets are bad for the planet.

3. Why might people be surprised that Katy Perry joined this flight?

- a) She has never sung before.
- b) She usually speaks against pollution.
- c) She works at NASA.
- d) She is afraid of flying.

4. Why did some people compare this trip to real space missions?
- a) Because it was longer than normal.
 - b) Because it used the same rocket as NASA.
 - c) To show that this trip was not serious like real missions.
 - d) To support Katy Perry's music.
5. Why might someone think the flight had little scientific value?
- a) The crew didn't do any research.
 - b) The rocket didn't work.
 - c) The mission was too long.
 - d) Katy Perry is a bad singer.
6. What can we understand about the mission's purpose?
- a) To deliver food to astronauts.
 - b) To test a new rocket engine.
 - c) To promote female space exploration and inspire girls.
 - d) To find new planets.
7. Which of these statements is false?
- a) Everyone praised Katy Perry for going to space.
 - b) The Blue Origin flight lasted only 11 minutes.
 - c) The rocket was fully automatic.
 - d) Rockets are harmful to the environment.
8. Why did people talk about Sunita Williams in the article?
- a) She flew on the same rocket.
 - b) She also went for a short trip.
 - c) To show the difference between real missions and this one.
 - d) She is Katy Perry's friend.
9. What is the correct order of the space trips mentioned in the article?
- a) Valentina Tereshkova → Katy Perry → Sunita Williams
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 - c) Sunita Williams → Valentina Tereshkova → Katy Perry
 - d) Valentina Tereshkova → Sunita Williams → Katy Perry
10. What is the main idea of the article?
- a) Katy Perry's concert tour is starting soon.
 - b) The Blue Origin flight was a major scientific success.
 - c) Katy Perry's short space trip received criticism.
 - d) Many female astronauts have gone to space.

Speaking and Writing Activities:

- Discuss these questions with a partner or a small group
 - Choose one topic and write a response to it. Show your writing to a classmate or teacher.
1. What do you think about Katy Perry's space trip?
 2. If you were extremely rich, would you like to go to space? Why or why not?
 3. Do you think a lot of tourists will pay to travel to space in the future?