

1. Apollo 13

On 11th April 1970 a dramatic series of events began when the Apollo 13 spacecraft was launched from Cape Canaveral in Florida, heading for the moon. As shown in the film *Apollo 13*, the three American astronauts on board were to go through a terrifying experience before they returned home to Earth. We're going to take a look at what happened before and after the famous words spoken by one of the astronauts: "Houston, we've had a problem here..."

Level

Intermediate and above

How to use the lesson

1. Give your students between five and ten minutes to read through Worksheet A. Tell them they are going to answer a series of questions on the text, but they shouldn't write anything down at this stage.
2. When the time is up, give each student a copy of Worksheet B. Divide the class into pairs and ask students to work together to answer the true/false questions.
3. Check answers in open class.

Answers

1. F
2. F
3. F
4. T
5. F
6. T
7. F
8. T
9. F
10. F
11. F
12. T

2. Related Websites

Send your students to these websites, or just take a look yourself.

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/science/space/exploration/missiontimeline/apollo13.shtml>

A short, readable summary of the Apollo 13 mission from the Science & Nature section of the BBC website.

<http://www.apolloexplorer.co.uk/photo/html/AS13/default.htm>

A series of photographs connected with the mission, each accompanied by a short text.

<http://www.imdb.com/title/tt0112384/>

Information and comments on the successful film *Apollo 13* (1995), which starred Tom Hanks.