



The International Space Station

- Living on the International Space Station is like being in the old west. Just like the pioneers did, the astronauts are learning about living in a new environment.
- Building the Station in space is like trying to screw in a light bulb or hang a shelf, wearing roller skates and two pairs of ski gloves, with all your tools, screws and materials tied to your body so they don't fall.
- Docking the Space Shuttle to the International Space Station is like driving your car backward on a highway and trying to match tailpipes with the car in front of you.
- Living and working on the Station is like building one room of a house, moving in a family of three and asking them to finish building the house while working full time from home.
- The Station effort involves more than 100,000 people around the world, including 37 U.S. states and 16 countries.
- The Station is a little bigger than a 3-bedroom house and weighs about 400,000 pounds. The Station has 15,000 cubic feet of livable volume.



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