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8. John Glenn's Birthday - July 18, 1921

Did He Get Dizzy?



Marvin and his mother were reading a book about famous astronauts. The chapter they just finished was about John Glenn. On February 20, 1962, Glenn made history when he boarded the United States space capsule *Friendship 7* and became the first American astronaut to circle the globe. He made three complete orbits that day. Marvin wondered what it would be like to travel way out in space like that and look back to see our great big planet Earth looking like just a little ball. He was quiet and still as he sat next to his mother on the

sofa. She thought maybe he had a question or concern about something.

"What's on your mind, Marvin? Don't you like our astronaut book?" she asked.

"Oh, I love the book, but I do have a question. Did Mr. Glenn get dizzy while going around the Earth in his space capsule?"

His mother chuckled and replied, "No, I don't believe he did." Then, she went on to explain why.

What about you? Do you think Mr. Glenn got dizzy during his Earth orbit? Why or why not?

Directions: Please choose the correct answer and write its alphabet letter on the space in front of the appropriate question.

- _____ 1. Who was reading an astronaut book with his mother? a. Earth
- _____ 2. What famous astronaut did they just read about? b. Marvin
- _____ 3. John Glenn was the first astronaut to orbit the _____.
_____ c. Friendship 7
- _____ 4. What was the name of John Glenn's space capsule? d. dizzy
- _____ 5. Marvin wondered if Glenn got _____ during his orbit. e. John Glenn