

Bookfolio for **To Space and Back**

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Recommended for: [Grades 3-5](#)

Classification: Nonfiction

Genre: [Biography](#)

Story Summary: TO SPACE AND BACK provides a first-hand account of what it was like to participate in a week-long space shuttle flight. Excellent, large photographs help tell the fascinating story of the June, 1983 flight. Sally Ride, the first American woman in space, begins recounting her space odyssey at "Launch minus four hours." She describes the final preparations, the lift-off, and the orbit that took the astronauts around the Earth every ninety minutes. The most remarkable aspect of living aboard the space shuttle is the fact that the astronauts and the objects in the cabin are weightless. Sally Ride shares how she and her companions face the challenges of eating, cleaning, sleeping, moving about, and working in a weightless state. Also highlighted are the expeditions the astronauts took outside the shuttle in order to repair satellites.

Read-aloud Recommendation: Pages 29-42

**The skills for each activity are identified by the following abbreviations:
R=Reading, W=Writing, S=Speaking, L=Listening, D=Drawing**

To Space and Back - Independent Activities	Skills
1. Questions for Sally (Writing a set of questions)	W
2. Collaborate (Writing in collaboration with a friend)	S , W
3. A Magnificent View (Drawing a picture)	D
4. Another First (Writing a letter)	W
5. Behind the Scenes (Researching a topic)	D , R , S
6. "One Small Step..." (Writing a report)	D , R , W
To Space and Back - Group Activities	Skills
1. More About Astronauts (Comparing biographies)	R , S
2. Explorers (Comparing explorers)	S
3. Meet the Press (Presenting a press conference)	S
4. Compare Space Missions (Researching a topic)	R , S
5. Space Game (Designing a board game)	D , S , W
6. "Let's Talk About..." (Discussing the story)	L , S

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