

Helen Sharman

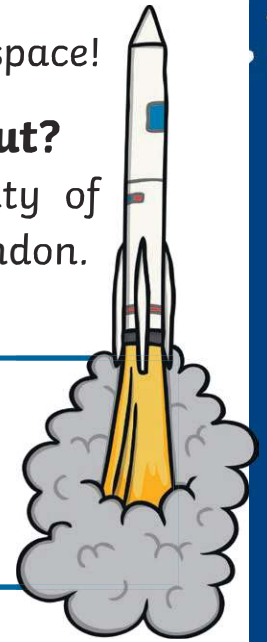
Helen Sharman was the first British person to go into space!

What Did Helen Do before Becoming an Astronaut?

Helen gained a degree in Chemistry at the University of Sheffield and a doctorate from Birkbeck College, London. She worked as an engineer and a chemist.

Fun Facts

- Helen was born on 30th May 1963.
- She comes from Sheffield, UK.



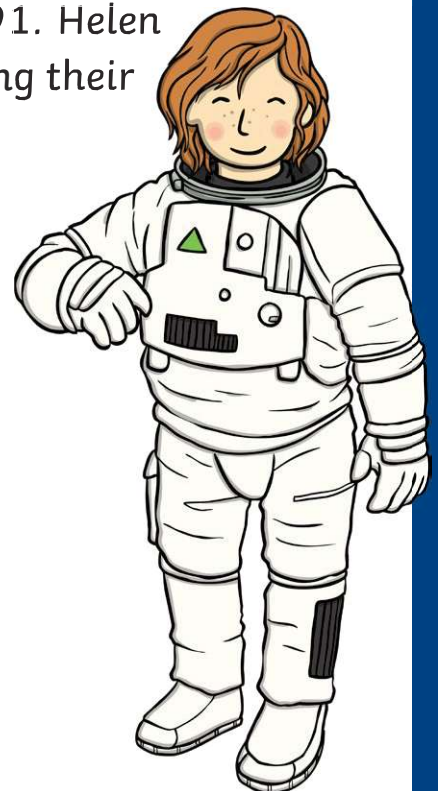
What Has She Achieved?

In 1989, Helen applied with 13,000 other people to be an astronaut after hearing a radio advert looking for astronauts. She had to take many tests and then got the job as part of the British mission 'Project Juno'. Helen completed 18 months of training in Russia. Then, she became a research cosmonaut working on board the Soyuz TM-12. It launched into space on 18th May 1991 and returned to Earth on 26th May 1991. Helen carried out medical and agricultural tests during their eight-day mission.

What Is She Remembered For?

Helen was an astronaut and a scientist. She is one of only 59 women who have flown in space. Helen was the first ever

British astronaut in space!
She travelled around the UK talking about her experiences in space.



Questions

1. What did Helen study at University?

PE

maths

chemistry

2. How many people applied for the astronaut job advert?

13

13 000

1989

3. What was the mission called?

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Project Juno

earth

4. Find and copy **one word** which means 'set off'.

5. Complete the sentence by adding in the missing words.

She is one of only _____ who have flown in space.