



English Song  
Activity  
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# Space oddity by David Bowie



## Listen to the song and complete the lyrics with the missing words

Ground Control to Major Tom  
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Take your protein pills and put your ..... on  
Ground Control to Major Tom (Ten, Nine, Eight, Seven, Six)  
Commencing countdown, ..... on (Five, Four, Three)  
Check ignition and may God's love be with you (Two, One, Liftoff)

This is Ground Control to Major Tom  
You've ..... made the grade  
And the papers want to know whose ..... you wear  
Now it's time to leave the capsule if you .....  
"This is Major Tom to Ground Control  
I'm stepping ..... the door  
And I'm floating in the most ..... way  
And the stars look very different today  
For here am I sitting in a ..... can  
Far above the world  
Planet ..... is blue  
And there's nothing I can do

Though I'm past one hundred thousand .....  
I'm feeling very still  
And I think my ..... knows which way to go  
Tell my wife I love her very much, she .....  
Ground Control to Major Tom  
Your circuit's dead, there's something .....  
Can you hear me, Major Tom?  
Can you hear me, Major Tom?  
Can you hear me, Major Tom?  
Can you hear And I'm floating around my ..... can  
Far above the Moon  
Planet ..... is blue  
And there's nothing I can do."



## Complete the paragraph with the words below:

reached fictional lyrics world released popularity mission included space

*Space Oddity* is a song written and recorded by David Bowie. It was first ..... as a 7-inch single on 11 July 1969. It was also the opening track of his second studio album, *David Bowie*. It became one of Bowie's signature songs and one of four of his songs to be ..... in The Rock and Roll Hall of Fame's 500 Songs that Shaped Rock and Roll. The song is about the launch of Major Tom, a ..... astronaut, and was released during a period of great interest in space flight. The United States' Apollo 11 ..... would launch five days later and would become the first manned moon landing another five days after that. The ..... have also been seen to mock the British space programme, which was and still is an unmanned project. "Space Oddity" was David Bowie's first single to chart in the UK. It ..... the top five on its initial release and received the 1970 Ivor Novello Special Award for Originality. His second album, originally released as *David Bowie* in the UK, was renamed after the track for its 1972 re-release by RCA Records and became known by this name. In 1975, upon re-release as part of a maxi-single, the song became Bowie's first UK No. 1 single. In 2013, the song gained renewed ..... after it was covered by Canadian astronaut Chris Hadfield, who performed the song while aboard the International ..... Station, and therefore became the first music video shot in space. In January 2016, the song re-entered singles charts around the ..... following Bowie's death, which included becoming Bowie's first single to top the French Singles Chart. The song also ranked as third on iTunes on January 12, 2016.



# Teacher's Copy-level B1

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This is Ground Control to Major Tom  
You've really made the grade  
And the papers want to know whose shirts you wear  
Now it's time to leave the capsule if you dare  
"This is Major Tom to Ground Control  
I'm stepping through the door  
And I'm floating in the most peculiar way  
And the stars look very different today  
For here am I sitting in a tin can  
Far above the world  
Planet Earth is blue  
And there's nothing I can do

Though I'm past one hundred thousand miles  
I'm feeling very still  
And I think my spaceship knows which way to go  
Tell my wife I love her very much, she knows  
Ground Control to Major Tom  
Your circuit's dead, there's something wrong  
Can you hear me, Major Tom?  
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**David Robert Jones** (1947 – 2016), known professionally as **David Bowie**, was an English singer, songwriter, musician, and actor. He is regarded as one of the most influential musicians of the 20th century. Bowie was acclaimed by critics and musicians, particularly for his innovative work during the 1970s. His career was marked by reinvention and visual presentation, and his music and stagecraft had a significant impact on **popular music**. (source **Wikipedia**)

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