# Helen Sharman

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

## What Did Helen Do Before Going to Space?

- Helen worked hard to get a degree and a doctorate in Chemistry.
- She became an engineer and a chemist.

#### **Fun Facts**

- · Helen was born in 1963 in Sheffield, UK.
- · Helen thought that space was amazing!

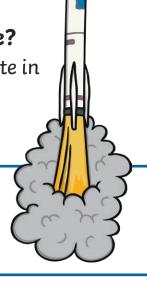
#### What Has She Achieved?

- Helen heard a radio advert looking for astronauts she beat 13,000 other people to be part of 'Project Juno'.
- · Helen trained, in Russia, for 18 months.
- She became a research cosmonaut on board the Soyuz TM-
- It launched into space on an eight-day mission where Helen did different tests.

### What Is She Remembered For?

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





# Questions

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