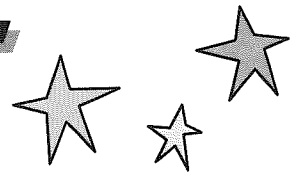


# BLAST OFF

with John Glenn

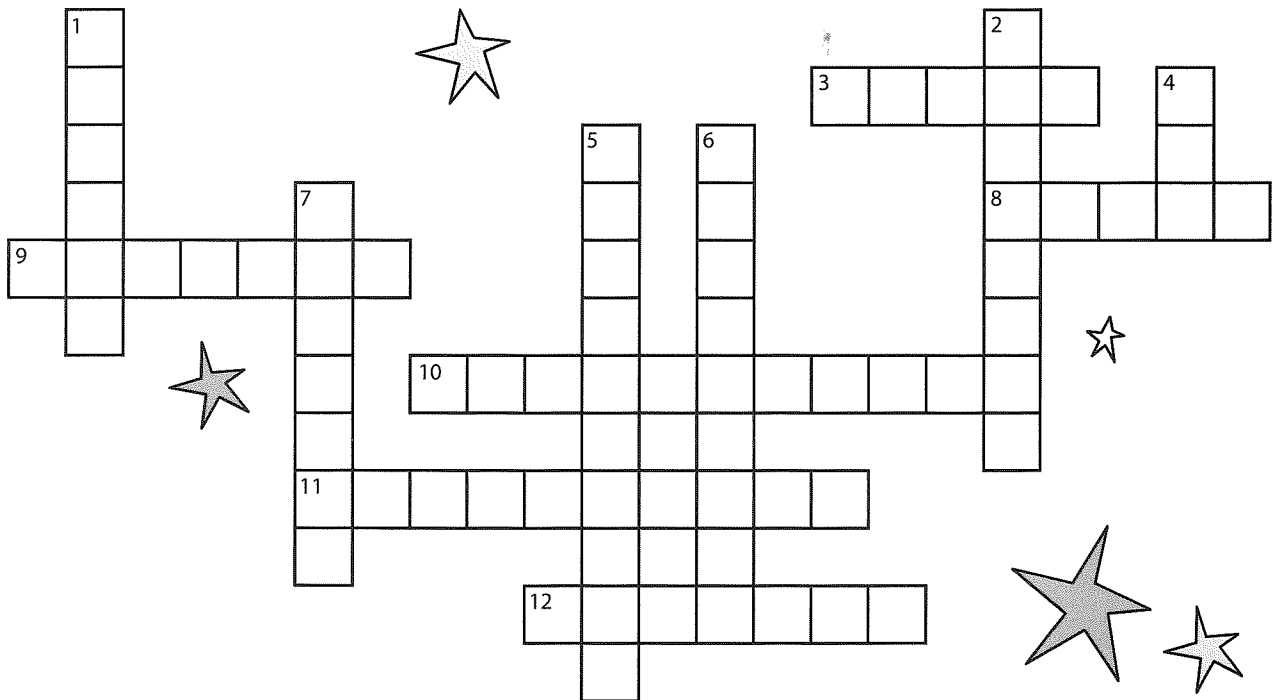
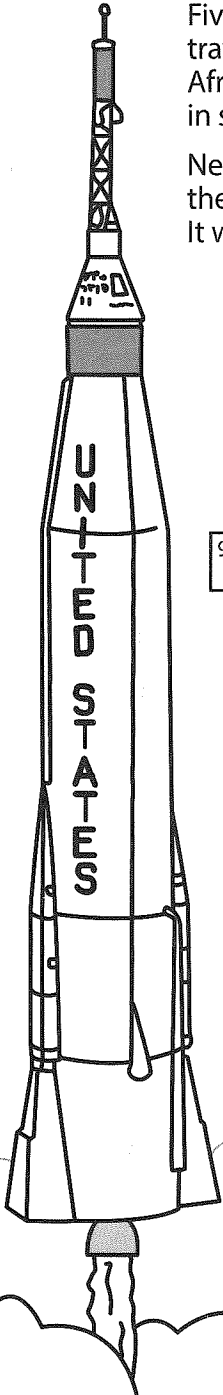


On February 20, 1962 John Glenn woke up, showered and ate a breakfast of steak, scrambled eggs, toast, orange juice and coffee. This day was a very important day for John Glenn. It was the day of the Mercury 6 launch. By the time the sun had come up John was dressed in his 20 pound space suit and prepared to get into the very snug space capsule. The engineers and scientists at Mission Control would guide John's journey from the ground although John was an excellent pilot and well prepared for this space journey.

John Glenn sat inside the Friendship 7 capsule at the tip of a 90 foot rocket used to propel the capsule into space. His good friend Scott Carpenter said to John, "Godspeed John Glenn," then at 9:47 A.M. the Friendship 7 blasted off into the sky.

Five minutes after liftoff the Friendship 7 entered its orbital path around the Earth. John would travel around the world 3 times in 88 minutes about 86,000 miles across the Atlantic Ocean, Africa, the Indian Ocean, Australia and the United States. John was the first American to eat in space. He squeezed applesauce into his mouth through a tube.

Nearly five hours after its launch, Friendship 7 fell toward Earth. The U. S. destroyer Noa spotted the Friendship 7 and picked up John Glenn hoisting him to the deck of the ship. It was a very happy day for John and all Americans who followed his flight.



### Across

- 3 John's training in the military
- 8 Breakfast food
- 9 Specific type of space capsule
- 10 Breakfast drink
- 11 Food eaten by John in space
- 12 When John left the earth

### Down

- 1 Machine used to propel the capsule into space
- 2 Word spoken to John Glenn as he lifted off
- 4 Ship which rescued John in the Atlantic
- 5 Name of space craft John Glenn flew
- 6 Clothing worn in space
- 7 Path taken around the Earth

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