



NASA Student Launch

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Introduce the Article and Key Vocabulary

Talk with students about what they will learn from the article. Introduce vocabulary to them using the descriptive teaching method.

Example: Today we are talking about NASA’s Student Launch week. A rocket launch is when NASA sends people and a big ship into space. In the NASA Student Launch week, kids in middle and high school learn about science, space, an technology. They build a small rocket and ship that will launch into the sky. The teams must also create a ship called a lander that could land on the moon. The teams don’t send their rockets and landers to the moon. Scientists from NASA judge the teams on who designed and built the best rockets and landers. Do you want to build a rocket? What would your rocket look like?

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Read the Article While you TAAP

As you read the article with students, remember to TAAP: **T**alk about it, **A**sk a question, **A**cknowledge via response, and **P**ropel the conversation or **P**redict! (View the TAAP resource on the AAC Language Lab to learn more about the TAAP strategy!)

Sample TAAP words/phrases:

Talk About It	Ask Questions	Acknowledge via Response	Propel the Conversation or Predict
Cool Like Look Not	What will they see? What do you think? What will happen?	Me too Maybe! I love space!	I think... I wonder... Let's see More



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Talk About What you Learned

Summarize the article with students and talk about what they learned. Ask open-ended questions to discuss what everyone thought, and to get them thinking about and reflecting about what they read.

Sample questions for discussion:

What did you learn today? Have you ever seen an eclipse before? Where were you when you saw the eclipse? What do you think is cool about space?

Discussion for Comprehension



After reading and summarizing the article with students, use descriptive testing to further discuss the students' understanding of the article. Pose questions in a way that allows the student to answer the question using any word on their device.

Sample Descriptive Testing Questions and responses:

<p>Tell me about NASA.</p>	<p>Tell me what it means to launch something.</p>	<p>What does it mean if something is a competition?</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • many scientists • learn about space • scientists go to space 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • make go up • go up into space • make go far away 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • someone win • one team will win • teams try to be best