



Nikolas Grafakos designed a new spoon which helps astronauts eat in space. Grafakos said that the new spoon can be important especially on long **missions** when it was very important to feel happy.

The spoon, which astronauts use now, looks like the spoon we all use. It is a little longer, and it is not always easy for astronauts to use it. They need to eat food which is **mushy** and wet, so that it sticks to the spoon.

The new spoon is something between a spoon and **chopsticks**. Astronauts can press it at the end, and they can control the food much more easily. If astronauts use the new spoon, they can eat more kinds of food, which will surely make them happier.

**Difficult words:** **mission** (a long trip with specific tasks to do), **mushy** (very soft and without a firm shape), **chopsticks** (a pair of thin sticks which are from wood or plastic, and Asian people eat with them).

**Discussion Questions****Topic Talk**

1. Define the following words: *mission, mushy and chopsticks*
2. Who did Grafakos design the new spoon for?
3. Why did he make a new spoon for astronauts?
4. How does the spoon that astronauts use now look like?
5. And how does the new spoon look like?

**Express Your Thoughts**

1. How important do you think this new design of spoon for astronauts is?
2. Have you ever wondered how astronauts live in space?
3. How difficult and dangerous do you think it is to live in space?
4. Would you be interested to work in space?