

The First All-Female Spacewalk



The first all-female spacewalk happened on October 18, 2019. Christina Koch and Jessica Meir traveled to the International Space Station. Though other women have done spacewalks before, this was the first all-female spacewalk. The spacewalk took about 7 hours. When they were on the spacewalk, Koch and Meir could see the Earth underneath them. Koch described seeing the Earth from space as “bright and an absolutely beautiful blue.”

Now that you’ve learned about this historical event, answer the questions below.

1. Why was Christina Koch and Jessica Meir’s spacewalk important?

They were the first women to go to space together. There was a time that women were not even allowed to be astronauts.

2. Imagine that you were on a spacewalk. What would you like to see?

Student answers will vary.

3. What do you think the Earth would look like from space? Draw a picture below.

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