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# SpaceX's Dragon Cargo Ship Launched to Space Station

## Description

SpaceX launched an uncrewed Dragon cargo ship on Friday. The ship carries 6,500 pounds of supplies and equipment for the International Space Station (ISS). This includes near a ton of research tools and materials for about 50 science projects.

The launch was delayed by three days due to bad weather. At 6:05 p.m. ET, the Dragon's Falcon 9 rocket took off from Cape Canaveral Space Force Station. It flew northeast to match the ISS orbit.

Two and a half minutes after takeoff, the rocket's first stage fell away. This stage then landed safely back at Cape Canaveral. The second stage continued to send the Dragon into space, releasing it nine minutes and 20 seconds after launch.

This mission marks SpaceX's 638th Falcon 9 launch and the 56th this year. It is also significant because this is the first time a Cargo Dragon spacecraft is going to the ISS for a sixth time.

The cargo includes essential items like food and clothing, as well as over 1,800 pounds of research equipment. If successful, the Dragon will dock with the ISS early on Sunday. The astronauts aboard will then unload the supplies.

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## Vocabulary List:

1. **uncrewed** //ʌn'kru:d// (adjective): not carrying people on board a vehicle
2. **cargo** //ˈkɑrgoʊ// (noun): things moved by a ship, plane, or truck
3. **orbit** //ˈɔrbɪt// (noun): path that an object follows around another
4. **stage** //steɪdʒ// (noun): one part of a process or event
5. **mission** //ˈmɪʃən// (noun): important job or trip with a goal
6. **dock** //dɒk// (verb): connect a spacecraft to a space station

## Comprehension Questions

### Multiple Choice

1. How many pounds of supplies and equipment does the Dragon cargo ship carry?



- Option: 5,000 pounds
- Option: 6,500 pounds
- Option: 7,000 pounds
- Option: 8,000 pounds

2. From where did the Falcon 9 rocket launch?

- Option: Kennedy Space Center
- Option: Cape Canaveral Space Force Station
- Option: Vandenberg Space Force Base
- Option: Johnson Space Center

3. What was the reason for the launch delay?

- Option: Technical issues
- Option: Bad weather
- Option: Supply chain disruptions
- Option: Crew availability

4. How many science projects are included with the Dragon's supplies?

- Option: 30 science projects
- Option: 50 science projects
- Option: 70 science projects
- Option: 100 science projects

5. This mission marks the \_\_\_\_ Falcon 9 launch for SpaceX.

- Option: 500th
- Option: 600th
- Option: 638th
- Option: 700th

### Gap-Fill

5. This mission marks the \_\_\_\_\_ Falcon 9 launch for SpaceX.

6. What is significant about this Cargo Dragon spacecraft's mission?

- Option: It is the first mission of this year
- Option: It is going to the ISS for a sixth time
- Option: It is carrying a rover
- Option: It is uncrewed



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## True-False

7. The Dragon cargo ship is uncrewed.
8. The Falcon 9 rocket took off at 6:05 a.m. ET.
9. The cargo includes clothing and food as well as research equipment.
10. The first stage of the rocket landed safely back at Cape Cod.
11. This mission is the 56th Falcon 9 launch for SpaceX this year.
12. The Dragon will dock with the ISS late on Saturday.
13. The Dragon cargo ship carries \_\_\_\_\_ pounds of supplies and equipment.
14. The launch was delayed due to \_\_\_\_\_ weather.
15. The rocket's first stage fell away \_\_\_\_\_ minutes after takeoff.
16. The second stage continued to send the Dragon into \_\_\_\_\_ after launch.
17. The Dragon is going to the ISS for a \_\_\_\_\_ time.
18. If successful, the Dragon will dock with the ISS early on \_\_\_\_\_ morning.

## Answer

**Multiple Choice:** 1. 6,500 pounds 2. Cape Canaveral Space Force Station 3. Bad weather 4. 50 science projects 5. 638th 6. It is going to the ISS for a sixth time

**True-False:** 7. True 8. False 9. True 10. False 11. True 12. False

**Gap-Fill:** 5. 638th 13. 6,500 14. bad 15. two and a half 16. space 17. sixth 18. Sunday

## Vocabulary quizzes

**Multiple Choice ( Select the Correct answer for each question. )**



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1. What was the primary goal of the space mission?
    - Option: To perform a cargo delivery
    - Option: To create new textures
    - Option: To compete in a championship
    - Option: To recover uncrewed technology
  
  2. What is the purpose of the spacecraft's ability to dock in orbit?
    - Option: To retrieve equipment
    - Option: To enhance illumination
    - Option: To compete in combat
    - Option: To transport diverse frames
  
  3. Which term is associated with the successful milestones reached in a sports event?
    - Option: Funding
    - Option: Championship
    - Option: Impact
    - Option: Achievements
  
  4. In which field is combat most commonly associated?
    - Option: Astrophotography
    - Option: Sports
    - Option: Cargo missions
    - Option: Texturing
  
  5. What does a strong commitment in a competition usually signify?
    - Option: Weak performance
    - Option: Decisive action
    - Option: Lack of participation
    - Option: Inconsistent efforts
  
  6. What is crucial for supporting various missions and events?
    - Option: Resolution
    - Option: Funding
    - Option: Textures
    - Option: Frames
  
  7. What process follows the rollback after a failed mission?
    - Option: Recovery
    - Option: Docking
    - Option: Illumination
    - Option: Competing



8. Which term refers to the clarity and detail in an image?

- Option: Textures
- Option: Resolution
- Option: Stages
- Option: Combat

9. Who are the individuals or teams that compete against each other in championships?

- Option: Champions
- Option: Fans
- Option: Opponents
- Option: Officials

10. What term describes events or actions that follow one after another without interruption?

- Option: Diverse
- Option: Consecutive
- Option: Methodical
- Option: Illuminated

**Gap-Fill ( Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

11. The space vehicle is designed to transport \_\_\_\_\_ to the International Space Station.

12. The recent missions have included both crewed and \_\_\_\_\_ spacecraft.

13. The technological advancements have a significant \_\_\_\_\_ on space exploration.

14. The rocket's first \_\_\_\_\_ is critical for reaching orbit.

15. The competition featured athletes from \_\_\_\_\_ backgrounds and disciplines.

16. The tournament \_\_\_\_\_ the skills of the top fighters in the welterweight category.

17. The new training \_\_\_\_\_ significantly improved the team's performance.

18. Proper \_\_\_\_\_ is vital for capturing high-quality astrophotography.

19. Winning the \_\_\_\_\_ was a major achievement for the team.

20. The coach's \_\_\_\_\_ to change the lineup surprised everyone.



**Matching Sentences ( Match each definition to the correct word from the vocabulary list. )**

21. The space agency planned a series of cargo missions to supply the ISS.
22. The uncrewed spacecraft successfully completed its mission without any human crew.
23. The research highlighted the positive impact of technology on everyday life.
24. The rocket's final stage was crucial for deploying the satellite into orbit.
25. The recovery operation was launched immediately following the mission's conclusion.
26. Her commitment to the project was evident in the hours she dedicated to it.
27. The resolution of the images was enhanced to capture finer details.
28. His achievements in the sport have inspired many young athletes.
29. The opponents faced off in a highly anticipated rematch after their last encounter.
30. She won the championship title for three consecutive years in a row.

**Answer**

**Multiple Choice:** 1. To perform a cargo delivery 2. To retrieve equipment 3. Achievements 4. Sports 5.

Decisive action 6. Funding 7. Recovery 8. Resolution 9. Opponents 10. Consecutive

**Gap-Fill:** 11. cargo 12. uncrewed 13. impact 14. stage 15. diverse 16. showcases 17. method 18. illumination  
19. championship 20. decision

**Matching sentence:** 1. cargo 2. uncrewed 3. impact 4. stage 5. recovery 6. commitment 7. resolution  
8. achievements 9. opponents 10. consecutive

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