



FUN AND GAMES

Blast Off to Camp

Time



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A Hero's Welcome

I cross my fingers and almost forget to breathe. The announcer leans in close to the microphone. He clears his throat **before** speaking.

“The winner of this year’s **Future Scientist Competition** is...Isabella!” He says it loudly, but I cannot hear him. **My ears** are ringing.

I feel like I **am floating**, but I am walking. And then, I **am on the stage**. I won first place! **My family** cheers from the side of the stage. **My friends** scream and clap. But I do not **notice a thing**. I just won a dream trip to Space Camp®!

A crowd waits to hear the winner of the Future Scientist Competition.



When I get home, I am still in **awe**. I am now one step closer to my dream of being an astronaut. But I am nervous for that next step.

To get to camp, I have to fly on an airplane by myself. I have never left my home state of Oregon. I have never been away from my parents for so long. Soon, I will leave for Alabama for a week. My mom tells me I am brave and gives me her watch. “Time will fly by!” she tells me as she puts the watch on my wrist. But I am not sure that I am ready for this.





Isabella's mom helps her pack for Space Camp.



crowd of people at an airport

Leaving for Camp

I say goodbye to my family at the airport. As I walk away from them, I look back. I wave to my parents one more time. Then, I take a deep breath and follow the flight attendant to the plane. Since I am flying without a parent, I have an escort. It will be a long flight. Luckily, I have a window seat with a great view. The Rocky Mountains seem to pop up out of nowhere. They are so big! It looks like I can almost reach out and touch them. Just as I start to get sleepy, the plane lands. I am safe! It is time to begin my adventure.

LET'S EXPLORE MATH

Clocks are important at airports. They help planes take off and land safely. They help passengers arrive and leave at the right time. These **digital** clocks show when Isabella's plane departed, or left, Oregon and when it arrived in Alabama.

Departure



Arrival



1. Did Isabella's flight depart in the morning or afternoon? How do you know?
2. Did Isabella's flight arrive in the morning or afternoon? How do you know?

A plane flies over the Rocky Mountains.

Math Talk

1. What are some activities you might complete during the a.m. and p.m. parts of the day?
2. How are analog and digital clocks different? How are they similar?
3. How can counting by 5s help you tell time?
4. Dan's mom says his bedtime is seven thirty. What would analog and digital clocks look like at his bedtime?
5. To estimate time using an analog clock, is it better to look at the hour hand or the minute hand? Why?
6. Describe some ways time might be important when planning a schedule for Space Camp participants.