

Saudi astronaut will have made a brighter future

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The first Saudi woman to 1. _____ into space has made the history books by being part of a team headed to the International Space Station (ISS). Scientist Rayyanah Barnawi was 2. _____ to say “hello from outer space” from on board the SpaceX Dragon 3. _____. When they get to the ISS, the team of four new arrivals will have joined the seven astronauts already there.

The 4. _____ of the SpaceX Dragon now marks the second fully private trip to the ISS. While this was Barnawi’s first flight, she can be 5. _____ in her commander Peggy Whitson. Following this visit, American astronaut Whitson will have flown four trips to the ISS.

Barnawi will have spent ten days at the ISS by the end of the 6. _____. The team says in that time they will have 7. _____ twenty experiments that will benefit the 8. _____ human race. But that’s not the only exciting new development, as Barnawi sees it. As the first female Saudi to go to space, she sees herself as a 9. (two words) _____ for her region and says she is 10. _____ all Arabs on this trip.

Her personal journey of turning a dream into a 11. _____ by going to space is something that Barnawi hopes will 12. _____ people. In a video 13. _____ from space, Barnawi said and that “the future is very bright”. After Barnawi returns she will have 14. _____ the human experience and she wants people to believe in their 15. _____ too.

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Answers

1. voyage
2. thrilled
3. spacecraft
4. launch
5. confident
6. mission
7. conducted
8. entire
9. role model
10. representing
11. reality
12. inspire
13. broadcast
14. advanced
15. potential

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Writing practice

Choose a question and write your answer below.

1. What are role models?
2. Does the future of space travel inspire you?
3. Following your dreams or fulfilling your potential – why are these important?
4. Does your country have a space program?
5. Have you got a favourite autobiography?

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