

UNIT 18 REVIEW TEST LISTENING SCRIPT

- Host:** Welcome to *Messy Jobs*, where we talk about the dirty part of everyone's job. Today, we have Captain James Peterson. He's an astronaut, and it's not easy to stay clean in space!
- Welcome, Captain Peterson. I'll start off with a big question—how do you wash yourself in space?
- James:** Ha! Well, we can't take showers because with no gravity, the water would fly all around. Our equipment is pretty sensitive. If water gets into it, it might be damaged! Instead, we use a sponge to wash ourselves. We also have special shampoo that doesn't need to be rinsed.
- Host:** Wow! What happens to the dirty bath water? I assume it doesn't go down a drain.
- James:** No, there's a vacuum pump that sucks up the water. Believe it or not, that water can be cleaned and reused. There's not a lot of room on a space station, so we can't carry it back to Earth.
- Host:** How about the laundry? Do you wash your clothes or just wear the same clothes every day?
- James:** Most of the time we put our dirty clothes in a special container. That can be sent back towards Earth, but it doesn't make it to the ground. It gets burnt up in the atmosphere. No more dirty clothes!
- Host:** Well, I always thought you could shower and clean in space! Why did you choose to be an astronaut? Do you enjoy the danger and the adventure?
- James:** Well, honestly, I think it's an important job. We spend most of our time in space doing scientific experiments. Hopefully we learn something that can help people.
- Host:** Great answer. Thanks for coming onto *Messy Jobs*, the podcast where we talk about the dirty side of everyone's job.