

LANGUAGE AND CULTURE RELATED MISUNDERSTANDINGS IN THE INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION

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Generally known, the International Space Station is the most powerful and capable artificial satellite in the Solar System. Furthermore, The International Space Station is an orbiting laboratory and construction site that synthesizes the scientific expertise of 16 nations to maintain a permanent human outpost in space. When we think about The Space Station, we assume that there will not be found crew only from Russia and United States. But most space programs are now multinational collaborations and citizens of over 30 countries have flown in space. Factually, all members of crew are demanded to have a perfect knowledge of Russian language, as many setups and systems, including blueprints of projects and part of station systems of «Zaria» space module, are all Russian built and instructions are written in Russian. However, cosmonauts and astronauts should also be able to speak English as a lingua franca. Astronauts who reach the facility aboard one of the missions typically live and work in orbit for about six months. When they are on the board with people from different countries, they share the culture of their countries. Simply by spending time in orbit, astronauts reveal much more about other cultures and their habits from their space-mates. The language difference is one of the most visible problems of working in an international group of people. In such circumstances, the occurrence of both language and culture related misunderstanding is inevitable. To overcome this problem the cosmonauts who are not-native speakers of English tend to blend it with their mother tongues to create hybrid versions of English. One example is «Runlish» - a mixture of English and Russian, which was coined in 2000 for one of the languages aboard the International Space Station.

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