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AMERICAN THINK SECOND EDITION

PLACEMENT TEST AUDIO

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Yuri Gagarin was a Russian pilot. He was born in 1934, and he became one of the most famous people in the world.

Gagarin's parents worked on a farm in the small village of Klushino. They had a simple life, and when he was 16, Gagarin went to work in a factory. On weekends, he used to go to a flying club.

He enjoyed flying, and quickly became a good pilot, and in 1960 he was chosen for his country's space program. One reason for this was because Yuri was quite short. As a result, he was able to sit inside the small control room of a space rocket. He was also very healthy, because he had played a lot of ice hockey and basketball since he was a teenager.

In April 1961, Gagarin went into space for one hour 48 minutes – the first human to do so.

After this, Gagarin became a hero, and there were statues of him all over the country. Unfortunately, he died just seven years later in a plane crash. If he had lived just one year longer, he would have seen the first man to land on the moon – Neil Armstrong, in 1969.

B

Boy: Do you know when we have to finish our homework?

Girl: The math homework? I'm going to finish it tonight. I want to hand it in on Thursday.

Boy: Thursday? I won't have done it by then. It can't be Thursday, because we don't even have math class until Monday.

Girl: Mr. James said that we should give it to him on Friday at the latest.

Boy: I wish Mr. James wouldn't give us such difficult homework.

Girl: I don't think it's difficult. I like math, and I'm never late with the homework. Not like you!

Boy: Well, if I liked math, I would have completed everything on time, too.

Girl: Anyway, I have to finish the math homework early, in order to start the geography homework.

Boy: Why?

Girl: Well, that needs to be done by Monday, too. Did you forget about it?

Boy: I had better get back to my work!

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