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“We talked to Taryn Tomlinson via webcast on Wednesday October 13th. Taryn Tomlinson specializes in Canadian Space Agency robotics. Taryn Tomlinson is from Campbell River, Vancouver Island. She studied at McGill University as an electrical engineer. For Taryn Tomlinson’s first project in the CSA she prepared Dexter.”

**By Makayla**

“We had some broadcasts with the astronauts which was pretty cool. We had the broadcasts with other classes from Canada and other places. We had videoconferences with astronauts and asked them questions. Clay Anderson was interesting because he demonstrated how space shuttles dock with the International Space Station. The shuttle mission was delayed due to technical difficulties. They are interested in the safety of the astronauts. Students were able to blog and ask questions and the astronauts wrote back. “Do you have a refrigerator and/or a cooler to preserve your food?” is one of the questions I asked the astronauts. We had asked Robert Thirsk if he could speak Russian. He responded by speaking in Russian. We were surprised by his answer that we did not understand.”

**By Washkesh**

“We got to talk to astronauts and find out what it was like in space. I found it interesting to learn about the food in space, and how it is all wrapped in airtight plastic, and for most of it you just have to add water! It was also kind of gross, because the salt and pepper was liquid! For some things, like smarties and crackers, all you have to do is open up the package and eat them! I also learned that for fun, they would throw the smarties through the air, and the other crewmates would catch them in their mouth. I enjoyed the opportunity to connect with other schools all across the country! It was fun and interesting to hear their opinions and questions that they had to ask the speaker! Some of them were really neat, and would have never even have thought to ask! With the other students in the webcast, I think we learned more! In conclusion, I think that the Yes I Can Science program was really amazing.”

**By Renee**

The intention of this educational activity was to encourage students to open their horizons and become aware of scientific opportunities that exist. The videoconferences were truly inspiring. The scientists were very patient with the students. The students learned to ask higher order thinking questions. Thank you, Yes I Can! Science for running a successful program. The address of the web site is as follows:

[www.yesican-science.ca](http://www.yesican-science.ca)