



Stories From the Skies

Glossary

Astronaut: person who can pilot a spacecraft.

Depression: drastic decline in national economy with symptoms like high unemployment, falling prices and decreased business action.

Pilot: A person who operates the flying controls of an aircraft

Rain: Water falling in drops condensed from vapor in the atmosphere

Satellite: manmade object intended to orbit the earth or other celestial body.

Sleet: Frozen or partly frozen rain

Snow: Precipitation in the form of small white ice crystals

Tornado: violent funnel-shaped thunderstorm with rotating high-speed air, reaching speeds of hundreds of miles per hour.

Weather: description and measurement of atmospheric conditions—temperature, air pressure, humidity, wind speeds, etc.