

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## John Glenn

*Who is John Glenn?*

He was elected a **senator** and went to Washington, D.C. As a senator, he worked on the laws of our country.

But it was not always that way. Before John Glenn was working with the problems of this world, he was dealing with outer space. In February 1962, he became the first American to travel in the earth's orbit.

He had always wanted to be an **astronaut**. So you know how **thrilled** he must have been when he heard the countdown: "... five, four, three, two, one, blast off!" His space ship was called Friendship 7. He went around the earth three times before landing **gently** in the sea.

In October 1998 Glenn got to return to space as part of the crew of the space shuttle *Discovery*.

The text is about the first American person \_\_\_\_

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## True or False

1. \_\_\_\_\_      2. \_\_\_\_\_      3. \_\_\_\_\_  
4. \_\_\_\_\_      5. \_\_\_\_\_      6. \_\_\_\_\_

## Put the sentences in the correct order.

- \_\_\_\_\_ But it was not always that way.  
\_\_\_\_\_ He worked on our country's laws.  
\_\_\_\_\_ "... five, four, three, two, one, blast off!"  
\_\_\_\_\_ He flew around the earth three times.

## Match the words with their meanings.

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| ___ 1. gently    | a. very excited, happy  |
| ___ 2. senator   | b. a person people vote for to make laws in Washington; each state chooses two senators |
| ___ 3. astronaut | c. someone who goes into outer space in a spaceship                                     |
| ___ 4. thrilled  | d. easily, softly   |