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The Astronaut Who Is Building a Better Rocket

Meet Franklin!

Franklin was a boy in **Costa Rica**. He dreamed of flying to space. He and his friends played in a cardboard box and pretended it was a **rocket**! Franklin grew up and moved far away to study. He worked very hard. Then his dream came true — he flew to space **seven** times! Now he builds a new kind of rocket engine.

1 Word Power

rocket**seven****space**

1. Franklin pretended a cardboard box was a
2. Franklin flew to many times.
3. He flew to space times.

2 Check the things an astronaut needs in space.

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a space suit

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a rocket

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space food

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an umbrella

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a sled

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a garden hose

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3 Draw It!

Draw Franklin's cardboard box rocket — and then draw the real one!

A large dashed orange rectangle with rounded corners, intended for drawing a cardboard box rocket and then a real rocket.

★ **FUN FACT:** Franklin came to a new country as a teenager and had to learn a whole new language. Then he became an astronaut!