

Astronauts eat space-grown food
宇航员享用自种太空蔬菜

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国际空间站（ISS）上的宇航员品尝到了新鲜的“太空莴苣”。这种红叶莴苣全都是由宇航员们在空间站里自己亲手栽种。此举标志着“太空蔬菜项目”的开始。今后我们将会看到更多空间站生长的食品问世。BBC 的 Gary O'Donoghue 有以下报道：

Astronauts have been growing **crops** in space for years but this is the first time they've eaten the **produce** while still in orbit. It took the crew on the space station 33 days to grow the red romaine lettuce under LED lamps.

Before they could eat the leaves they had to wipe them with **sanitising cloths** and then they added a little oil and vinegar. The verdict: "Good stuff", said one of the crew, saving a few leaves for the two Russian cosmonauts who were on a spacewalk while the **feast** was happening.

Nasa believes the experiment will help develop ways of making crews **self-sufficient** for longer journeys to places such as Mars. For now their **judgement**: one small bite for a man, one giant leaf for mankind.

问题

1. What equipment did the astronauts need to grow the vegetables?
2. True or false: *The salad was ready to be eaten.*
3. Did the salad taste good?
4. How does this experiment help the future exploration of Mars?

词汇

crops	农作物
produce	农产品
sanitising cloths	清洁布
feast	丰盛的筵席
self-sufficient	自给自足的
judgement	判断, 结论

答案

1. What equipment did the astronauts need to grow the vegetables?
Answer: LED light.
2. True or false: *The salad was ready to be eaten.*
Answer: False. The astronauts had to clean the leaves with a sanitised cloth before eating them.
3. Did the salad taste good?
Answer: The salad tasted good. According to the report, one of the astronauts said: "Good stuff", indicating that he liked the taste.
4. How does this experiment help the future exploration of Mars?
Answer: It shows that food can be grown on board, which would help feed astronauts having to travel as far as Mars.