

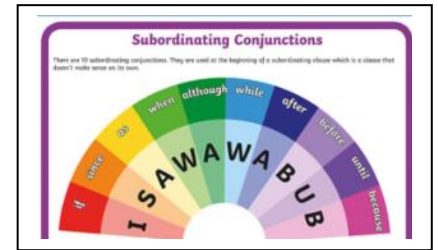
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## Mae Jemison

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Mae Jemison (1956–) became the first black woman to travel in space, in 1992. Her achievements are amazing because Mae was living at a time when not many women, especially black ones, became scientists. Since she was young, Mae has achieved dream after dream. Read on to find out more about this remarkable woman:

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Mae Jemison was born in 1956 in Alabama, in America. Her father Charlie was a roofer and carpenter, while her mother Dorothy was a schoolteacher.

When Mae was three, her family moved to Chicago, Illinois. During her childhood, Mae loved playing with her older siblings, Ada and Charles although she also enjoyed her studies and often spent hours reading books about the stars and space in the library.

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After graduating from Morgan Park High School, she won a scholarship to Stanford University at the age of 16, where Mae studied hard until she gained a degree in chemical engineering.

Yet this was not enough for Mae. A few years later, she went on to study a medicine degree at Cornell University for four years as she wanted to become a doctor.

Mae volunteered for over two years as a medical officer in Sierra Leone and Liberia. She also taught, studied and carried out medical research until she returned home to the US to follow her lifelong dream.

In 1985, Mae returned to the US because she had decided to follow her lifelong dream to become an astronaut. She applied for the NASA astronaut training program, and was delighted to be accepted.

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Incredibly, Mae became the first black woman to be accepted by NASA's astronaut training program in 1987. After more than a year's training in Texas, she began to work at the Kennedy Space Center, Florida until in September 1992, she joined six other astronauts on board the space shuttle Endeavour. The crew spent eight days in space and orbited the Earth 126 times.

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Six years later, Mae left NASA and she went on to teach at Dartmouth College, New Hampshire as Professor of Environmental Studies. Since then Mae has worked hard to inspire young people to become scientists.

There are not many other women or men that have achieved quite so much in their life as Mae Jemison. She is a remarkable woman and has received many awards and in recognition of her achievements.

