

Perfection is achieved, not when there is nothing more to add, but when there is nothing left to take away.

(Antoine de Saint-Exupery, French aviator and writer, 1900-1944)



The International Space Station Over Earth

Credit: [STS-128 Crew](#), [NASA](#)

Explanation: After undocking, the space shuttle Discovery crew got a memorable view of the developing International Space Station (ISS). [Pictured orbiting](#) high above Earth last month, numerous solar panels, trusses, and science modules of the [ISS](#) were visible. The Discovery crew [brought](#) mission specialist [Nicole Stott](#) to the [ISS](#), and returned astronaut [Timothy Kopra](#) to Earth. Among the many mission and expedition accomplishments of the Discovery crew included delivering and placing the [Fluids Integrated Rack](#) and the [Materials Science Research Rack](#) in the [Destiny module](#) as well as the [Minus Eighty Degree Laboratory Freezer](#) in the [Kibo](#) module. Better known, however, was the delivery of the [COLBERT treadmill](#) for keeping astronauts fit. Over this past week the [Soyuz TMA-16 spacecraft](#) carrying three more astronauts docked with the ISS as [Expedition 21](#) is set to begin. The [next shuttle trip](#) to the [ISS](#) is currently scheduled for 2009 November 12.

terreplein

\TAIR-uh-playn\
noun



Meaning

: the level space behind a parapet of a rampart where guns are mounted

Example Sentence

Children love to climb on the defunct canons that sit at each of the old fort's terrepleins, creating a perfect photo op for parents.

Did you know?

Like "parapet" and "rampart," "terreplein" dates back to the 16th century. "Rampart" is the oldest of this trio; earliest evidence of the word in English is from 1536. From the Middle French word "ramparer," meaning "to fortify," it refers specifically to the broad embankment that forms the main part of a fort. The word for the protective wall on top of the rampart, "parapet," dates to 1590 and comes from Italian "parare" ("to shield") and "petto" ("chest"). The earliest evidence for today's word, "terreplein," is from only a year later. It comes (by way of Middle French) from Old Italian "terrapieno," which traces to Medieval Latin "terra plenus," meaning "filled with earth."

*Indicates the sense illustrated in the example sentence.

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