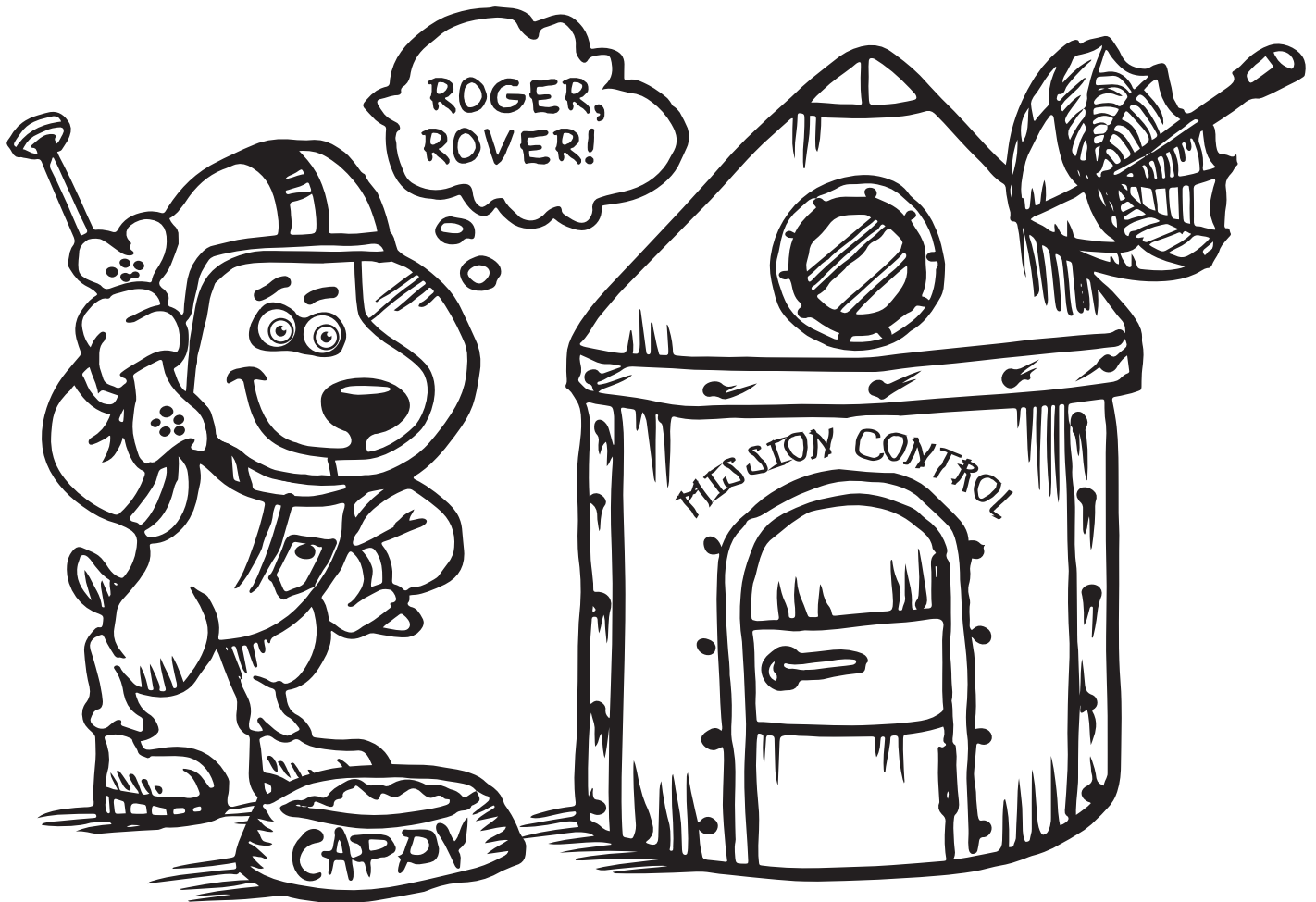




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There's usually six people on board the space station, however there are thousands on the ground working every day to support them. On the way to and from station, CapCom, short for Capsule Communication, is the astronaut on Earth who communicates with the crew members in their spacecraft.

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When it comes to day-to-day activities on the space laboratory, the astronauts and cosmonauts communicate constantly with teams of scientists and engineers in the Mission Control Center. They work together to make sure experiments are performed correctly and even provide video conference links between the crew members and their families on Earth. Sometimes, classrooms across America have the chance to interact with those astronauts too!