


History at your fingertips


Based on the **Catch a Falling Star** by Meg McKinley

In 1979, **Skylab**, the United States first space station was plummeting back to Earth. No one could predict where or when? Read pp. 227-229 for a description of this event.

Skylab

The Canberra Times (ACT : 1926 - 1995) Saturday 19 May 1979 p 5 Article
... the most likely date for the 85-tonne **Skylab** space station **to** fall apart and plunge **to earth**. About ... 400 pieces of **Skylab** are ex-pected **to** clear the atmosphere and fall on **earth**. NASA said there was a 90 ... 252 words

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Newspaper clipping from May 1979

Use **Trove** to explore Australian resources: Books, images, historic newspapers, maps, archives and more, to be like Newt and find more evidence.

WHAT

Write your search terms?

- Remember, be specific: you are searching for Skylab's return to Earth not all details
- Use the time period as a part of your search terms

WHERE

Online database of digitised historical resources, including newspapers. Frankie's main source of information was newspapers and television news.

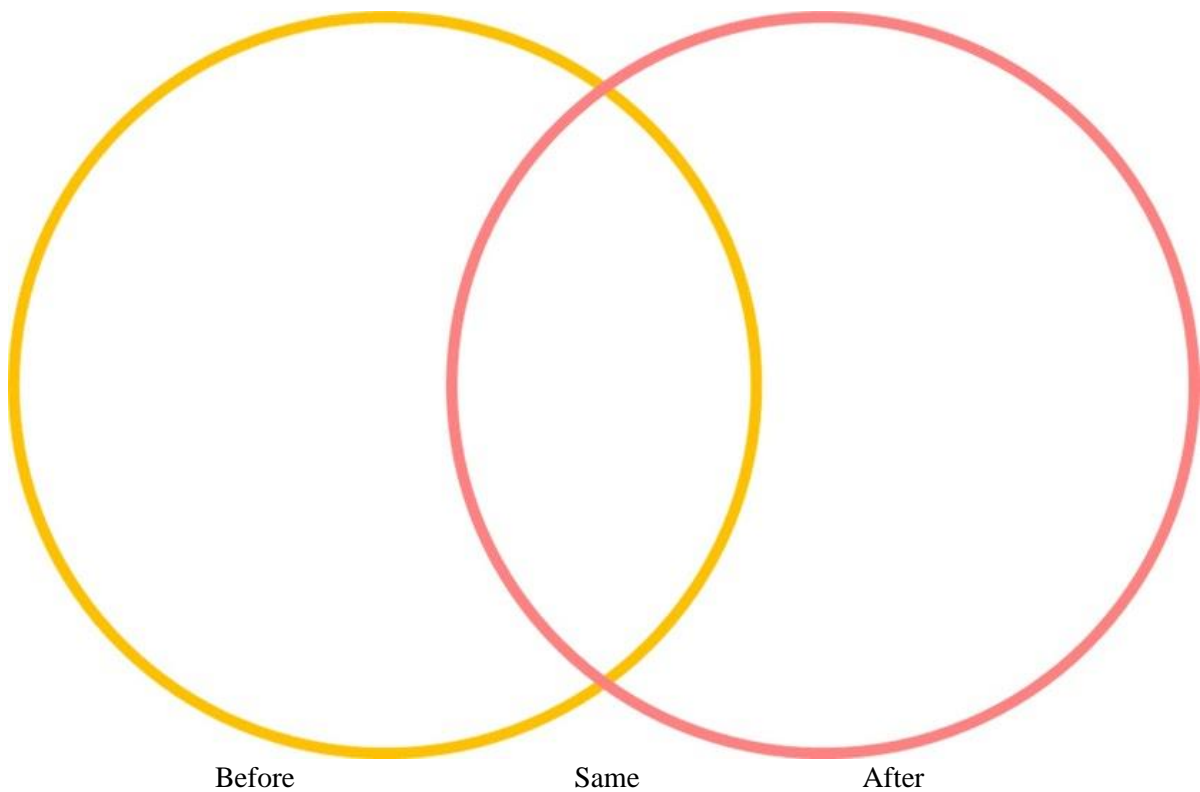
FIND

- Type the URL into your browser: <https://trove.nla.gov.au/>
- Click on the tab to search newspaper records.

USE

- Type your keywords/ search terms into Trove.
- Try articles from dates from
 1. May 1979
 2. July 12, 1979
 3. end of 1979 to investigate reports before and after the crash landing.

- Use a Venn diagram to record information from both before and after the crash.



- Don't forget to copy the URL for each article you read to list all your sources.

DO

- Present your information (from your Venn diagram)
- Don't forget to cite the date of the article and the specific newspaper.

THINK

- Did you find out more facts?
- Was there bias in the articles?
- Were reports accurate in different places?
- Did you try other types of sources like letters, diaries or photo archives?