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# A Successful Failure

**Directions:** Read "Disaster in Space" in the December 2016/January 2017 issue of *Scope*. Then answer the questions below. Be sure to include the page numbers for where you found your information. You can use your answers to help you respond to the writing prompt on page 10.

1. What was the purpose of the Apollo 13 mission? In other words, what did the astronauts go into space to do?

2. What caused this mission to fail?

3. After the explosion aboard the Apollo 13 spacecraft, the astronauts and the engineers at Mission Control had a new goal. What was it?

4. What challenges did the astronauts and engineers face in trying to achieve their new goal?

5. What did the astronauts and engineers do that helped them achieve their new goal?

6. Now summarize what you wrote above by completing the following sentence:

**Perhaps Apollo 13 was called a "successful failure" because . . .**