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John Larkin wrote:

> <http://news.bbc.co.uk/2/hi/asia-pacific/4340102.stm>

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> "Shenzhou VI, which has two astronauts on board, is in a low enough  
> orbit to be affected by the Earth's gravitational pull."

British science journalists don't know anything about science. It isn't just a problem with the BBC – all the quality newspapers are stuck with science journalists who make this sort of mistake.

I've no reason to suppose that American science journalists are much better – even the Scientific American used to get scientists to write its articles, rather than trusting their in-house journalists.

Dutch science journalists do a great deal better, but you have to learn dutch to appreciate them.

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