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On Jul 1, 7:53 pm, Sylvia Else <[syl...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx](mailto:syl...@xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx)> wrote:

NASA seems to talk about its craft being on orbit, rather than in orbit.  
Anyone know the derivation of this usage?

See <http://tinyurl.com/24doal>

I think the hypothesis that "on orbit" was formed by analogy with "on station" makes sense, but have no real idea if it's true.

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