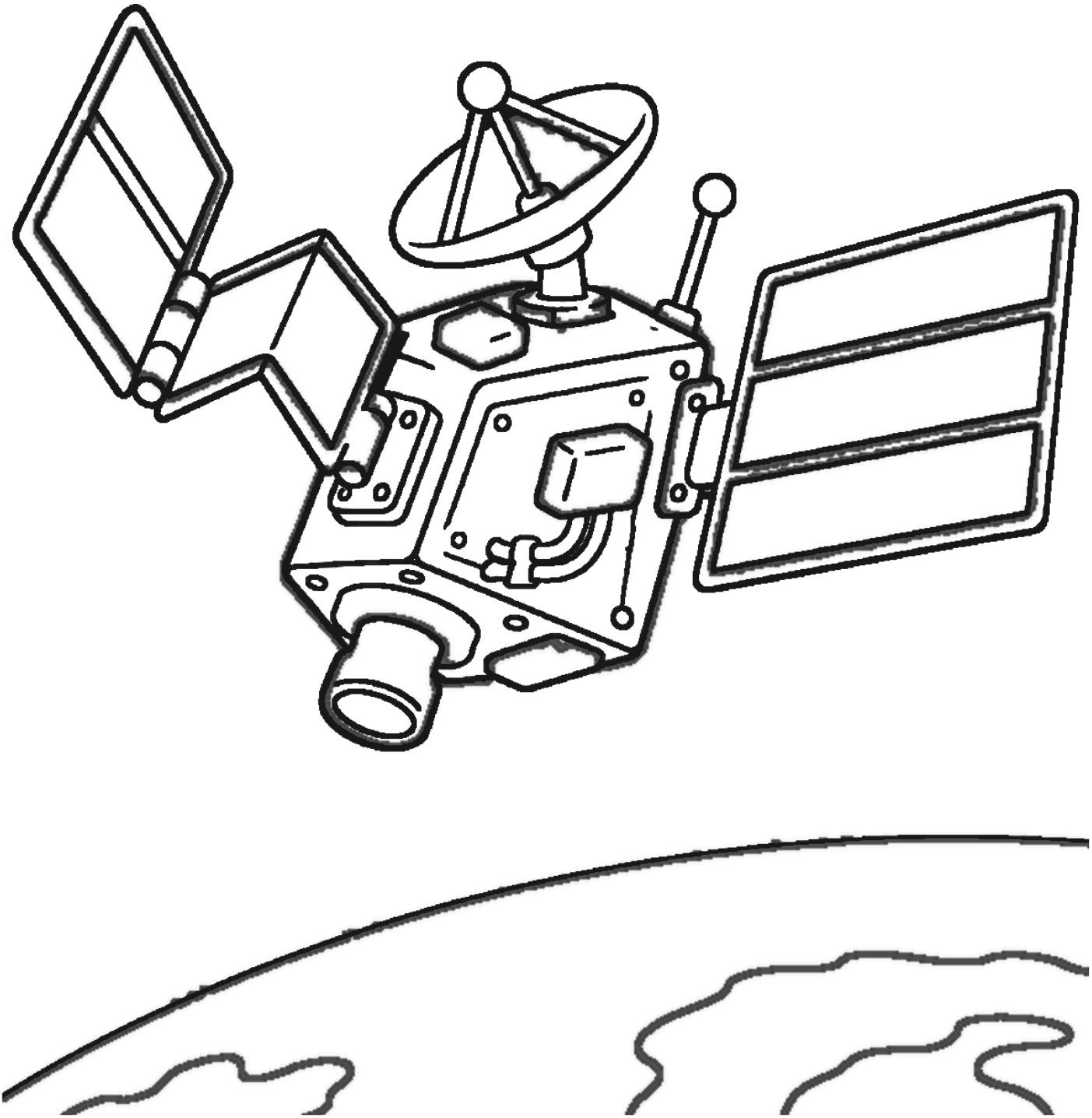
Solar Wings

Why do some satellites unfold wings after launch?



Did you know? Large solar panels take up a lot of room, so they can ride to space folded against the spacecraft. In orbit the panels spread out to catch sunlight. They supply electricity and can charge a battery for times when the spacecraft is in shadow.