



## Celebrating Man on the Moon

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People around the world are celebrating a special event. Forty years ago today, the Apollo 11 mission took off for the Moon.

The NASA rocket launched on July 16, 1969. Four days later, two American astronauts became the first humans to walk on the Moon. Their names were Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin.

Neil was the first to step out of the landing craft. As he stepped down onto the Moon, he sent these famous words back to Earth: "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind."



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# A. Reading Skills

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**Word Power** – Use a dictionary and write down what these words mean:

- ① **celebrate**                   ⇒
- ② **launch**                       ⇒
- ③ **landing craft**           ⇒
- ④ **leap**                           ⇒
- ⑤ **mankind**                   ⇒

## Reading Questions

**① What is this news story about?**

- A. An important event
- B. A special place on Earth
- C. An important scientist
- D. How to do something

**② Who is celebrating?**

- A. Just people in America
- B. Just astronauts
- C. Just people born in 1969
- D. People from many countries

**③ When did the astronauts step on to the Moon?**

- A. July 16, 1969
- B. November 16, 1969
- C. July 20, 1969
- D. July 12, 1969

**④ What do you think Neil's special words could mean?**

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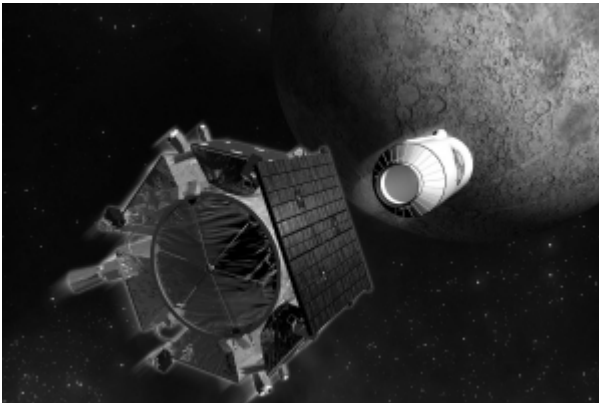




## B. News Extra: Back to the Moon!



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### Missing words

walked | scientists | ago  
 Mars | humans | send  
 twelve | before | planets  
 technology

### Listen and fill in the gaps

The last time \_\_\_\_\_ travelled to the Moon was 37 years \_\_\_\_\_, in 1972. In total, \_\_\_\_\_ American astronauts have \_\_\_\_\_ on the Moon.

Now NASA is saying that it wants to \_\_\_\_\_ more people to the Moon \_\_\_\_\_ the year 2020. They are going to use better \_\_\_\_\_ to go there this time.

\_\_\_\_\_ are interested in using the Moon as a place for astronauts to stop and then go on to \_\_\_\_\_. Later, they want to go further and explore other \_\_\_\_\_, too.

### True or False?

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|--|-------|
| 1. 12 astronauts have walked on the Moon.              | T / F |
| 2. NASA wants to put humans on the Moon again.         | T / F |
| 3. NASA is going to use the same technology as before. | T / F |
| 4. Humans could use the Moon to help them go to Mars.  | T / F |





## C. Talk Time!

### Person A

- ⇒ **Okay, so who is going to step down first – you or me?**
- B. Me, of course!
- ⇒ **Well, I want to be the first too, you know.**
- B. I'm older than you are. I should go first!
- ⇒ **Yes, but I'm taller than you.**
- B. Okay, let's flip a coin!
- ⇒ **Good idea. That's fair.**
- B. I'll flip. Heads or tails?

### Person B

- A. Okay, so who is going to step down first – you or me?
- ⇒ **Me, of course!**
- A. Well, I want to be the first too, you know.
- ⇒ **I'm older than you are. I should go first!**
- A. Yes, but I'm taller than you.
- ⇒ **Okay, let's flip a coin!**
- A. Good idea. That's fair.
- ⇒ **I'll flip. Heads or tails?**

### Ask the class!

- ❶ **What are we arguing about?**  
⇒ *Who will step down first.*
- ❷ **Why do I think I should be first?**  
⇒ *Because I am taller.*
- ❸ **What do we decide to do?**  
⇒ *Flip a coin.*

### Ask the class!

- ❹ **Who could we be?**  
⇒ *Neil Armstrong / Buzz Aldrin.*
- ❺ **And why should I be the first?**  
⇒ *Because I am older.*
- ❻ **Who will flip and who will call?**  
⇒ *I will flip, (A) will call.*





## D. Class Discussion

Questions	<b>❶</b> Would you like to travel to the Moon?	<b>❷</b> What would be fun about travelling to the Moon?	<b>❸</b> What <u>wouldn't</u> be so fun about going to the Moon?
<b>MY</b> Answers			
Friend 1			
Friend 2			
Friend 3			









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## Answer Keys:

### A. Reading Skills

1. A 2. D 3. C 4. It's only a small step for one person, but it's a very big step for all people

### B. News Extra: Back to the Moon

The last time **humans** travelled to the Moon was 37 years **ago**, in 1972. In total, **twelve** American astronauts have **walked** on the Moon.

Now NASA is saying that it wants to **send** more people to the Moon **before** the year 2020. They are going to use better **technology** to go there this time.

**Scientists** are interested in using the Moon as a place for astronauts to stop and then go on to **Mars**. Later, they want to go further and explore other **planets**, too.

### True or False?

1. T 2. T 3. F 4. T

