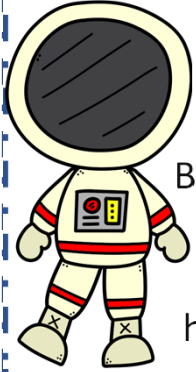
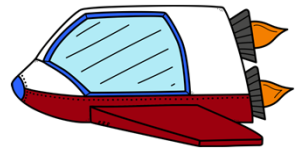


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The First Moon Landing!



Before many of us were born, people could only look at the moon from far away. It was so far that no one could visit it, like a distant castle in the sky.

But there were some very brave explorers who wanted to go there. They were called astronauts. One special day, on July 20, 1969, something amazing

happened. The astronauts climbed into a huge rocket called Apollo 11. It was taller than a house and had a powerful engine that could fly them all the way to the moon! The rocket blasted off with a loud “WHOOSH,” and the astronauts waved goodbye to Earth. They flew through space, past stars and planets, until they reached the moon. The astronauts landed their spaceship gently on the moon’s surface. It was a place no one had ever been before! They stepped out and left their footprints in the moon dust. They even planted a flag to say, “We were here!” The whole world watched on their TVs, cheering and clapping. It was the first time humans had ever visited the moon, and it was a big celebration. The astronauts brought back rocks and dust from the moon to study. Because of their adventure, we learned that the moon is a very quiet place with no air or rivers. It’s different from Earth, but it’s our neighbor in space.

This event was important because it showed that when people work together, they can do incredible things, like reach the stars. It taught us to dream big and never give up on exploring. This is the story of how the first people landed on the moon. It was a giant leap for everyone and a reminder that the sky is not the limit.

1. Read the passage about “The First Moon Landing”.
2. Underline each word that you could not read or understand.

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Answer according to the reading passage:

- 1. What were the brave explorers that went to the moon called?**
 - a. outer space men
 - b. aliens
 - c. astronauts

- 2. What was the name of the rocket that first went to the moon?**
 - a. Astro 11
 - b. Alpha 11
 - c. Apollo 11

- 3. What did the astronauts plant on the moon?**
 - a. flag
 - b. moondust
 - c. seeds

- 4. What did the astronauts bring back from the moon?**
 - a. rocks
 - b. dust
 - c. rocks and dust

- 5. What was this moon landing a reminder of?**
 - a. the moon is not the limit
 - b. the sky is not the limit
 - c. the stars are the limit

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Open Response Questions

Open Response Questions for Thinking Skills:

1. Inferring
 2. Making Connections
 3. Summarizing
 4. Visualizing
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1. Imagine you were one of the astronauts, how would you feel taking that first step on the moon?
 2. What 3 questions would you ask these astronauts.
 3. List 3 things you learned.
 4. Describe what you think the moon would be like up close.

Do you think humans will visit other planets? Why or why not?

- Describe what rocket travel might look like in the future.
- How do you think artificial intelligence will change rockets?
- Would you want to explore outer space? Why or why not?
- Why do you think the people clapped and cheered with the first moon landing?