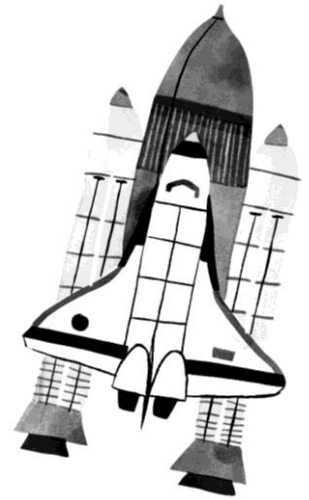


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WALT: Shared Reading

Over 50 years ago, three men on the Apollo 11 mission landed on the moon - for the first time in history! It was a momentous event that caught the attention of the world. Here are some amazing facts about the space race and the moon landing.



1. The moon is 238,855 miles away from Earth. Even whizzing through space at super-high speed, it takes more than three days to get there.

2. Out in space, away from Earth, there is no gravity holding astronauts down, so they float around in their spaceships. Sometimes called zero-g.

3. The lunar module, Eagle, was so small that there was no room for seats. While Eagle dropped 60 miles to the moon's surface, Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin had to stand up.

4. The landing site that Apollo 11 crew had chosen was an area called the Sea of Tranquility, which looked smooth and safe for landing. This isn't a sea as we know it. It's a lunar mare - a large plain formed long ago by a volcanic eruption.



5. When Neil Armstrong landed the lunar module, there were only 30 seconds of fuel left. Yikes!

Retrieval

- 1) How many miles away from Earth is the moon?
- 2) How many seats did the lunar module contain?
- 3) What was the name of the first rocket to travel to the moon?

Words in context

- 4) Find and copy a word which means 'move or hover slowly in the air'.

Inference

- 5) Why did the author write 'Yikes!' at the end of the text?
- 6) Why did Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin have to stand up in the lunar module?