

Neil Armstrong

Who was Neil Armstrong?

Neil Armstrong was an American astronaut famous for being the first ever man to walk on the moon.

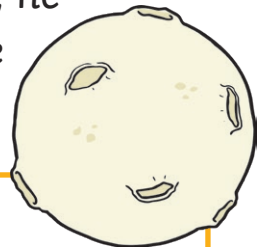


His Early Life

Born in 1930, in the state of Ohio in the United States of America, Neil Armstrong worked hard to achieve his dream. He was only 15 years old when he received his pilot's licence and by the time he had left university, he had flown over 200 different aircraft! In September 1962, he was accepted to NASA's astronaut corps, where he knew he might one day go in to space.

Famous Words

Neil Armstrong died on 25th August 2012 but he will always be remembered for his famous words. As he stepped off his spacecraft, Apollo 11, on to the moon's surface, he was heard to say, "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind."



Walking on the Moon

His first trip into space was aboard spacecraft Gemini 8 but it was in 1968 that he was offered the chance to command the space mission Apollo 11. This would be the first manned landing on the moon. After months of practice and preparation, the Apollo 11 spacecraft launched from the Kennedy Space Centre in Florida on 16th July 1969. Neil Armstrong along with Buzz Aldrin, landed safely on the moon. He became the first man to walk on its surface on 21st July 1969. The astronauts arrived home to Earth on 24th July 1969.

Questions

1. Who was Neil Armstrong? Tick two.

- ☐ A famous American astronaut
- ☐ The first man to fly in space
- ☐ The first man to walk on the moon.

2. Number the events below to show the order in which they happen.

- ☐ He received his pilot's licence.
- ☐ He flew in spacecraft Gemini 8.
- ☐ He arrived safely home.
- ☐ He was accepted to NASA's astronaut corps.

3. What happened to him in September 1962?

4. Fill in the missing word.

This would be the first manned _____ on the moon.

5. Find and copy the words that show he was not alone in landing safely on the moon.

6. Why do you think he said that landing on the moon was a giant leap for mankind?
