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# MAN ON THE MOON

**Yesterday, on July 20<sup>th</sup> 1969, Neil Armstrong descended the ladder of the lunar module Eagle and became the first human being to stand on the surface of the moon.**

It all began on 16<sup>th</sup> July, when three astronauts left Earth in their space capsule Apollo 11, which was thrust into space by its awesomely powerful Saturn 5 rocket. This televised event was watched by an estimated 650 million people around the world. Four days later, the astronauts arrived at their destination – the Moon!

As Armstrong stepped onto the surface of the moon, he announced, "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." His historic words echoed round mission control in Houston, Texas, more than 384,000 kilometres away.

A few moments later, Armstrong was joined on the surface by Edwin 'Buzz' Aldrin. The third member of the crew, Michael Collins, who remained in orbit around the Moon, kept mission control updated.

Armstrong and Aldrin explored the area of the moon where they had landed before they proudly erected a US flag with a special wire frame to hold it securely in place.

Subsequently, they collected samples of the rocks that litter the Moon's landscape to take back for analysis at a laboratory on Earth.

After completing their tasks, the pair returned to *Eagle*, ignited the engine and headed for their rendezvous in space with *Columbia*.

The United States, who have now fulfilled the first part of President Kennedy's promise (to land a man on the moon) must now accomplish the second: to return him safely to Earth. We wait for their return with baited breath.



Neil Armstrong on the surface of the moon

**Purpose:** To give the reader information about an important event

**Key features**

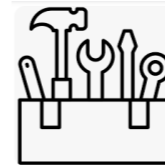


**Structural:**

- Introduction with the 5ws: when, what, who, where, why (if relevant)
- Key events of the event in order
- Columns
- Conclusion to explain what is happening now
- Photo with a caption

**Language:**

- Past tense: *This was watched*
- Third person: *They collected samples*
- Adverbials of time: *A few moments later, Armstrong was joined on the surface.*
- Relative clauses: The astronauts, who were very nervous, prepared for launch.
- Direct speech: *"That's one small step for man"*



**Writer's toolbox**

**Adverbials of time:**

- Yesterday... With time running out...
- Meanwhile... Within minutes...
- A few moments later... Finally..

**Relative clauses**

Give extra information about the noun using a relative pronoun:

Which	Who
That	Whose

**Punctuation:**

Use a comma following an adverbial of time

Speech punctuation: "CL ..... PM"

**Vocabulary:**

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| Descended | Lunar     |
| Surface   | Capsule   |
| Thrust    | Televised |
| Orbit     | Ignited   |

**Recommended reads**

