

Neil Armstrong

Neil Armstrong (1930 – 2012) is known all over the world as the first person to walk on the Moon!

As a boy, Armstrong was a keen Boy Scout and earned the rank of Eagle Scout. He was always fascinated with flying, and earned his pilot's licence at only 16 - before he earned his driver's licence. Not many boys can fly before they can drive! He joined the US Navy as a pilot, serving in the Korean War. When he left the navy he became an experimental research test pilot - a dangerous job - and logged over 900 test flights and 2400 flying hours. In 1962 he joined the NASA Astronaut Corps and he first flew into space in 1966 on the Gemini 8.



Neil Armstrong walking on the surface of the moon!

*"This is one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind."
Neil Armstrong*

In 1969 he was mission commander of the Apollo 11 moon landing. He and his fellow astronaut, Buzz Aldrin, left their spaceship to walk on the surface of the moon and explored for over two hours, leaving

a third astronaut, Michael Collins, to look after the ship. Armstrong and Aldrin collected samples to bring back down to Earth, and took photos of the lunar surface.

After Apollo 11, Armstrong started another career as a university professor of Aerospace Engineering. He also helped NASA with two space accident investigations, and became a spokesman for several businesses.

Over his career, Neil Armstrong flew over 200 different types of aircraft - but of course he will always be remembered as an astronaut and for his lunar landing. He received many medals for his extraordinary journey.



Neil Armstrong on the left, Michael Collins in the middle and Buzz Aldrin on the right.

When they returned from the moon, the three astronauts were put into quarantine for three weeks. Who knows what bugs they might have picked up!

Lots of people would love the chance to be an astronaut, but what skills do you need to have and what are the responsibilities of this unique job? This worksheet asks you to write a job description for the position!

Job Description



Fill in the table below to write a job description for the position of astronaut.

Job Title : Astronaut
Key Responsibilities:
Responsible To:
Skills and Experience needed:
Salary and Benefits:

Can you plan your own experiment to carry out on a space shuttle using the worksheet prompts to help?

Design a Space Experiment



Imagine that you are going to spend a week on a space shuttle carrying out experiments. You have been told you can do an experiment of your own choice. Use this worksheet to help you plan one.

I will investigate:

What I will need:

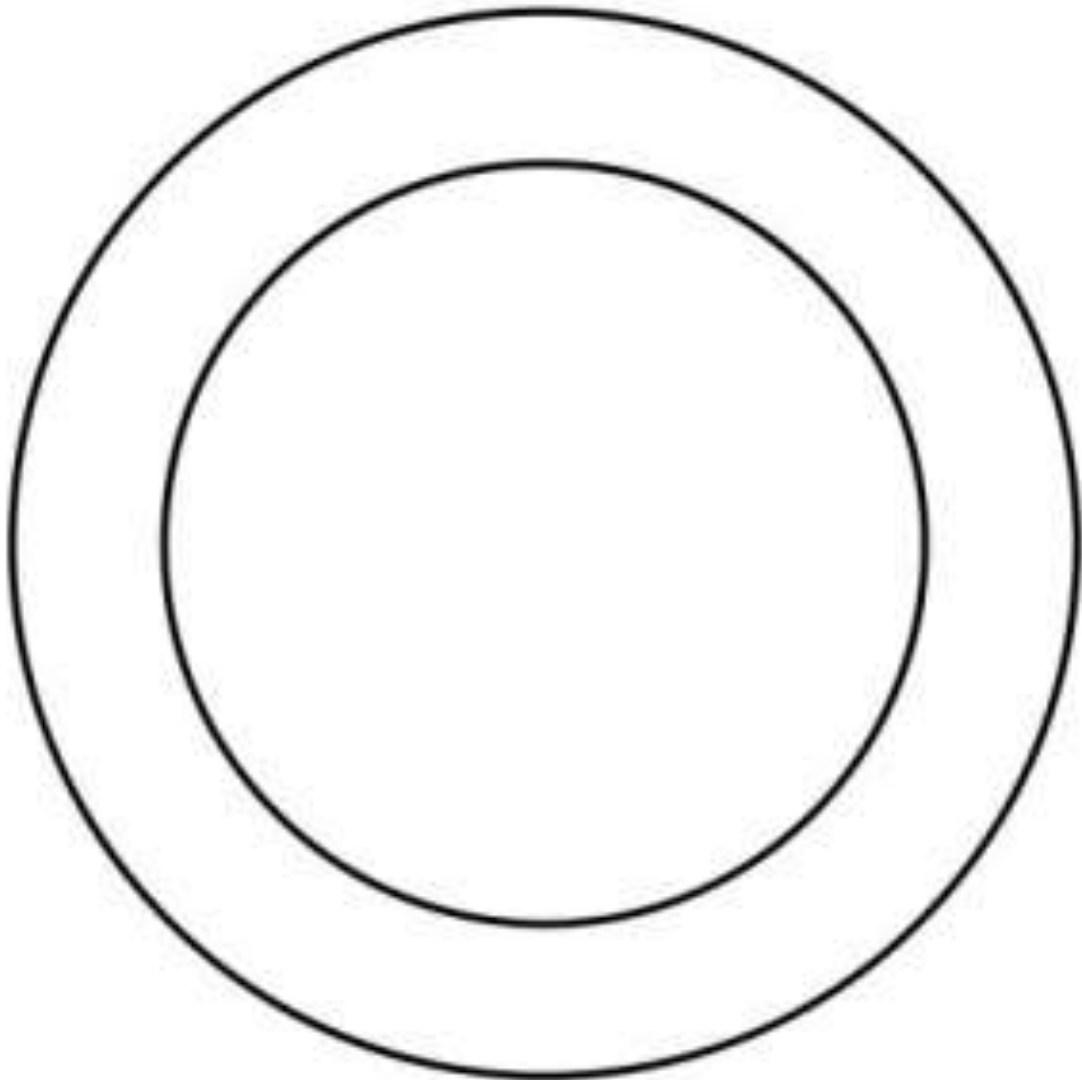
What I will do:

What I hope my experiment will find out:

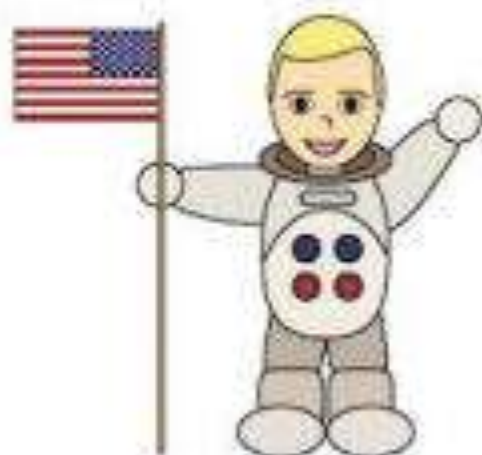
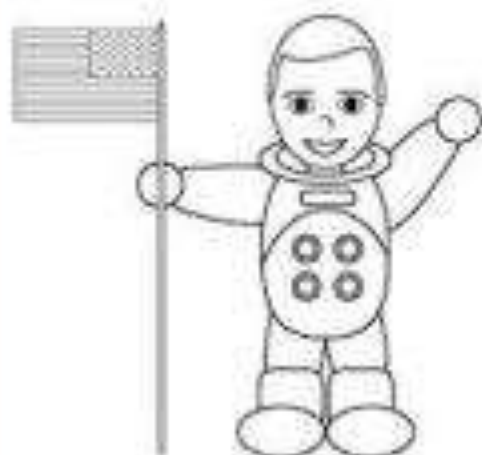
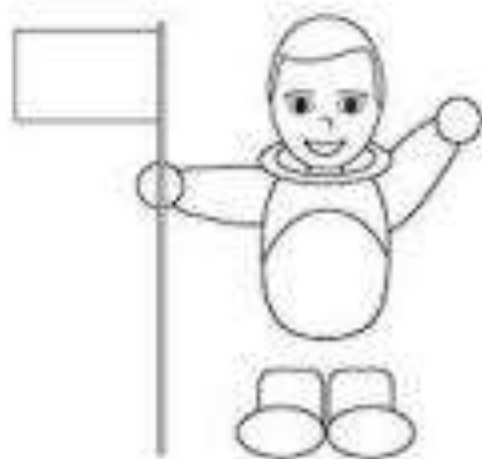
Astronauts eat three meals a day on the International Space Station, just as they do on Earth, but there are some difficulties with eating in space.

Eating in Space

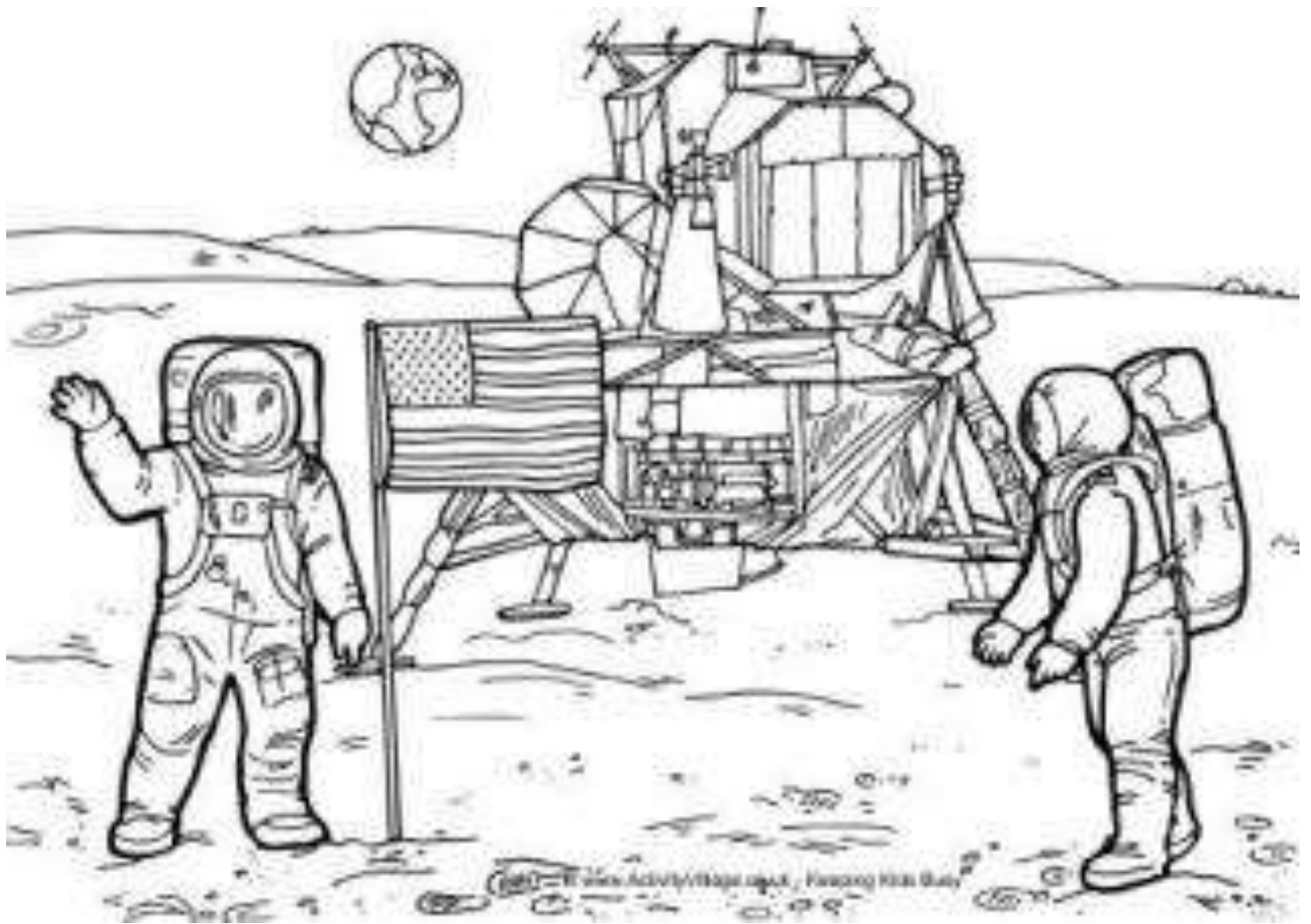
Find out what sort of foods astronauts eat to stay healthy and some of the problems of eating in space. Design a meal to be served on the International Space Station.



Learn to Draw Neil Armstrong

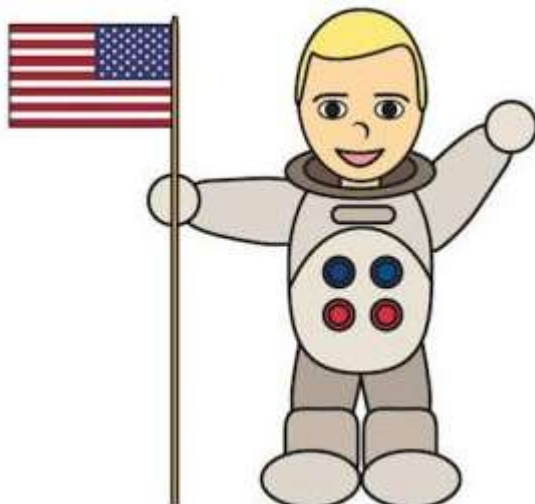
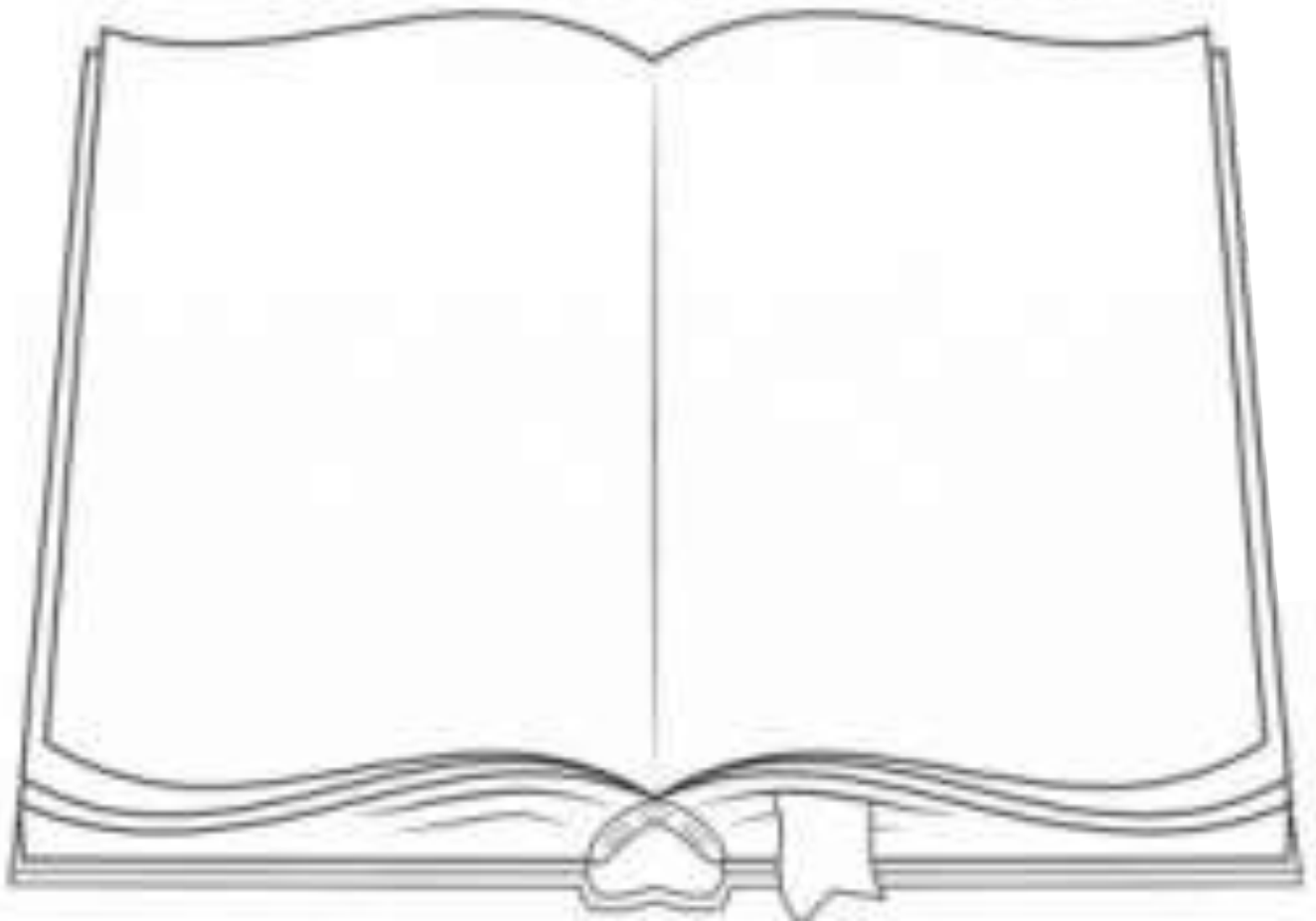


Moon Landing Colouring Page



Can you write about the Moon Landing from the point of view of one of the crew, their family, Nasa control, someone watching at home or even the president of the USA at the time? How would the experience be for them?

Moon Landing Diary



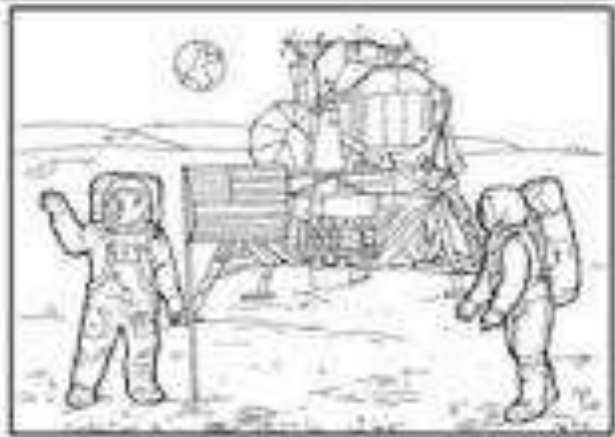
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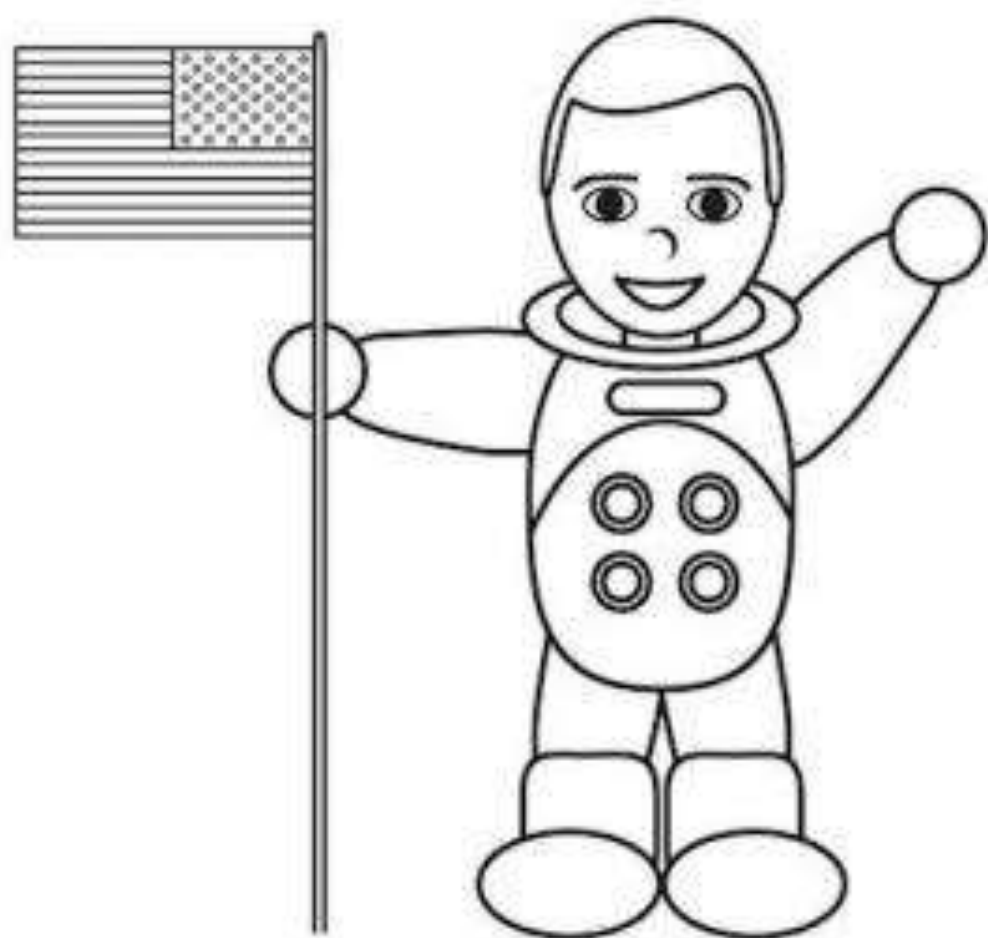
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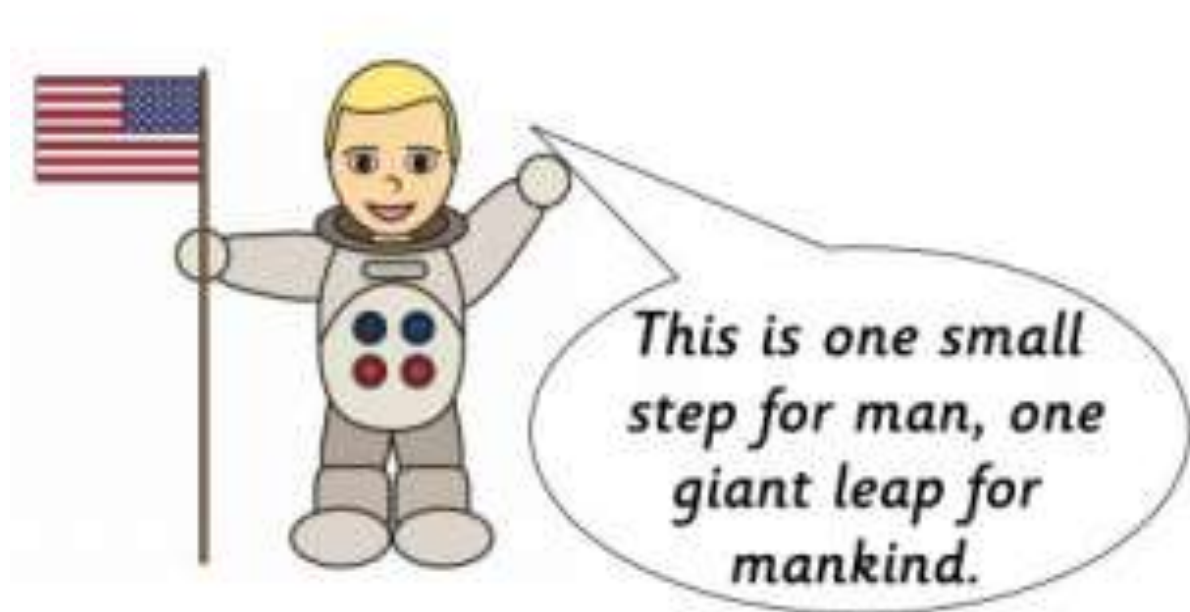
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"This is one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." This worksheet is based around perhaps one of the most well-known quotes ever made, by astronaut Neil Armstrong!

Neil Armstrong Quote Worksheet



What do you think this quote means?

Rewrite the quote in your own words.

Neil Armstrong

Born: _____

Nationality: _____

Occupation: _____

What was he famous for? _____

Would you have liked to meet him?

What would you have talked about?



Can you imagine you have to pack this suitcase for a 3-month stay on the International Space Station or in a spacecraft? You'll need to really think carefully about each item!

Packing for Space

Imagine you have a chance to spend 3 months on the International Space Station. What would you pack? Think carefully about what you will need, the weight and any potential problems with using the items. Write or draw your packing list in the suitcase below.



Pretend you're an astronaut sending this postcard home from space?

