

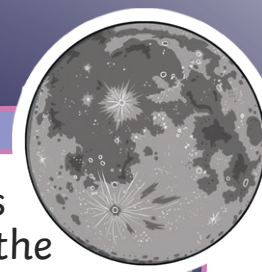
# Neil Armstrong

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



## Walking on the Moon

- In 1969, Neil Armstrong was chosen by NASA to become the **commander** of the Apollo 11 mission to the moon! This would be the first **manned** landing on the moon.
- After months of preparation, the spacecraft launched from the Kennedy Space Centre in Florida on 16<sup>th</sup> July 1969.
- Neil Armstrong, along with fellow astronauts Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins, landed safely on the moon, and Neil became the first man to walk on its surface on 21<sup>st</sup> July 1969.



## Famous Quote

When Neil Armstrong first stepped on the moon, he famously said, "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind."

## Early Life

- Neil Armstrong was born in Ohio, United States, in 1930.
- Growing up, Neil Armstrong loved aeroplanes and flying.
- He dreamed of being a pilot and worked very hard towards his goal.
- He achieved his pilot's licence at the age of 16 and later became a very successful pilot in the Navy.



## Fascinating Fact

- The footprints made by Armstrong and Aldrin are still on the Moon. The dust is thick and there isn't any wind to remove them.

## Glossary

**commander:** A person in charge of something.

**manned:** A person controlling a machine or vehicle.