

Mission to the Moon: A Timeline Challenge with Ellie the Elephant

Learning objective: To understand the key events of the 1969 Moon landing and sequence historical events chronologically.

Ellie the Elephant has been reading her history books and needs your help! She has mixed up the events from the Apollo 11 mission. Read the events listed below and number them from 1 to 6 to show the correct order in which they happened in 1969. Then, answer the questions to show what you have learnt about Neil Armstrong's incredible journey.

Word bank: Apollo 11 · Eagle · Moon landing · 1969 · Neil Armstrong · Pacific Ocean

1. 1. The Apollo 11 spacecraft launches from Earth. ()
2. The lunar module, named 'Eagle', lands on the Moon. ()
3. Neil Armstrong takes his 'one small step' onto the surface. ()
4. The astronauts splash down safely in the Pacific Ocean. ()
5. Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin lift off from the Moon to rejoin the main ship. ()
6. The mission is planned and prepared by NASA. () (6 marks)

2. Why do you think Neil Armstrong is considered a famous historical figure? (2 marks)

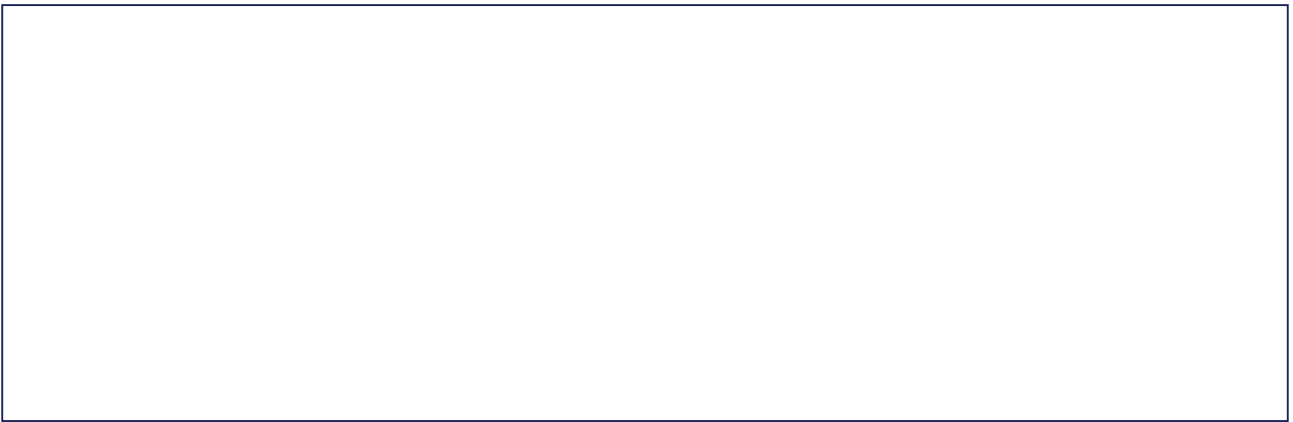
3. How did the astronauts return to Earth after exploring the Moon? (1 mark)

4. If you were an astronaut, what is one item you would pack to take with you to the Moon? Explain why. (2 marks)

5. True or False: Neil Armstrong was the first human to ever walk on the Moon. Give a reason for your answer. (2 marks)

6. Calculate the cost: If a model of the Apollo 11 rocket costs £12.50 and a moon-boot toy costs £7.75, how much would they cost together? (2 marks)

Draw: Draw a picture of what you think the lunar module 'Eagle' looked like resting on the dusty, crater-filled surface of the Moon.



Extension challenge: Research one other person who was on the Apollo 11 mission with Neil Armstrong. Write a short poem about their journey using your best 'Leo the Lion' poetry skills!