

Neil Armstrong: The First Man on the Moon

Join Ellie the Elephant on a giant leap through history as we explore the hero of the stars!

- Neil Armstrong was the commander of the Apollo 11 mission, which successfully landed on the Moon on 20 July 1969.
- Before becoming an astronaut, Neil Armstrong was a naval aviator and a test pilot, which helped him prepare for the dangers of space travel.
- The lunar module, named 'Eagle', was the spacecraft that actually touched down on the Moon's surface while the third crew member, Michael Collins, waited in orbit.
- Neil Armstrong famously said, 'That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind,' as he placed his foot on the Moon.
- The entire mission took eight days from the moment the rocket launched from Earth until the astronauts splashed down safely in the Pacific Ocean.

Did you know? Did you know? When Neil Armstrong stepped onto the lunar surface, he didn't just walk; he bounced! Because the Moon has much less gravity than Earth, Neil and his team-mate Buzz Aldrin found it very easy to jump high while wearing their heavy space suits.

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