A Giant Leap: Writing about Neil Armstrong

Learning objective: To recount the life and achievements of Neil Armstrong using chronological language.

Use the prompts below to write a short biography about Neil Armstrong. Remember to use your word bank to help you link your ideas together.

Neil Armstrong was a very famous astronaut who lived a long time ago.

Word bank: first · then · after that · finally · because · brave · space · moon · astronaut

1. Early Life: Where was Neil Armstrong born and what did he love to do when he was a young boy? Start your sentence with: When Neil was a boy... (2 marks)

2. The Big Mission: Which spacecraft did Neil fly in to travel to the moon? Start your sentence with: In 1969, Neil travelled to the moon in... (2 marks)

3. The Moon Landing: What did Neil say when he first stepped onto the moon? Start your sentence with: When he stepped on the moon, he said... (2 marks)

4. Coming Home: What happened after the mission finished? Start your sentence with: After the mission, Neil... (2 marks)

5. Reflection: Why do you think Neil Armstrong is remembered as a hero today? Start your sentence with: I think Neil Armstrong is a hero because... (2 marks)

Extension challenge: Imagine you are an astronaut on the moon. Write two sentences about what you can see when you look out of your window at the Earth.