Moon Mission Challenge with Ellie the Elephant

Learning objective: To recall and understand key facts about Neil Armstrong and the 1969 Apollo 11 moon landing.

Ellie the Elephant has been reading her history books! Use your knowledge to answer these 10 questions about the first human to walk on the Moon. Read the questions carefully and circle or write the best answer.

Answer Key: 1. B, 2. True, 3. 1969, 4. C, 5. True, 6. A, 7. False, 8. Eagle, 9. B, 10. True. The mission was part of the Space Race between the USA and the Soviet Union.

Word bank: Apollo 11 · Neil Armstrong · 1969 · Buzz Aldrin · Space Race · Eagle · Sea of Tranquillity

1. 1. Who was the first human to step onto the surface of the Moon? A) Buzz Aldrin B) Neil Armstrong* C) Yuri Gagarin D) Michael Collins (1 mark)

2. 2. True or False: Neil Armstrong served as a pilot in the United States Navy before becoming an astronaut. (1 mark)

3. 3. In which year did the Apollo 11 mission successfully land on the Moon? (1 mark)

4. 4. What was the name of the lunar module that landed on the Moon? A) Columbia B) Saturn V C) Eagle* D) Discovery (1 mark)

5. 5. True or False: Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin were the only two people to walk on the Moon during the Apollo 11 mission. (1 mark)

6. 6. What is the name of the lunar landing site where Apollo 11 touched down? A) Sea of Tranquillity* B) Ocean of Storms C) Crater Tycho D) The Dark Side (1 mark)

7. 7. True or False: Neil Armstrong was the first person to travel into space. (1 mark)

8. 8. What was the name of the massive rocket used to launch the Apollo 11 mission? (Hint: It was a 'Saturn' rocket). (1 mark)

9. 9. How did most people on Earth watch the moon landing in 1969? A) Through telescopes B) On live television* C) At the cinema D) Via radio only (1 mark)

10. 10. True or False: Neil Armstrong famously described his first step as a 'small step for man, one giant leap for mankind'. (1 mark)

Draw: Draw a picture of Ellie the Elephant wearing an astronaut helmet, looking up at the Moon through a telescope.

Extension challenge: Research one other astronaut who walked on the Moon after Neil Armstrong and write down three facts about their specific mission.