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Our Moon

by Cynthia Sherwood

Jupiter and Saturn have more than sixty moons each. Neptune has thirteen. Mars has two. But if somebody says “the moon,” we know exactly what they’re talking about. It’s Earth’s moon, our closest neighbor in outer space.

The moon is the second brightest spot in the sky, after the sun. It orbits around the Earth once a month, going through “lunar phases.” Sometimes the moon will look like a skinny curved sliver called a “crescent.” Later, it becomes a glowing full moon. These phases are caused by the changing angles of where the Earth, moon, and sun are relative to one another.



The moon might be the closest thing to us in space, but it's still far, far away—about a quarter of a million miles from Earth.

Temperature is very low. That's why astronauts wear special suits. Besides providing a place for the astronauts to live, the moon is also a source of oxygen for



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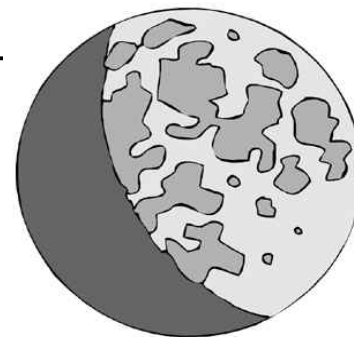
July 29, 1969 is one of the most important dates in history. It's when America's Apollo 11 astronauts landed on the moon. The first man to walk on the moon was Neil Armstrong. Right afterward, he said some of the most famous words ever: “That’s one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind.”

You might ask your parents, grandparents, or teachers where they were when we first landed on the moon. If they were born and weren't too young, they'll remember. Life has never been quite the same here on Earth now that we've explored our closest neighbor in space.

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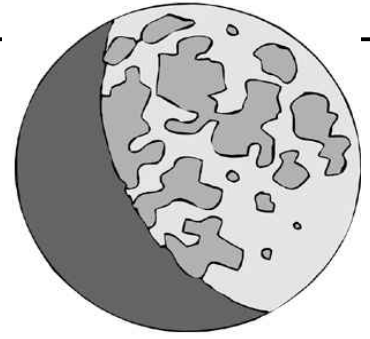
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Imagine you had the opportunity to visit the moon for a two-week vacation. Would you want to go? Tell why or why not.



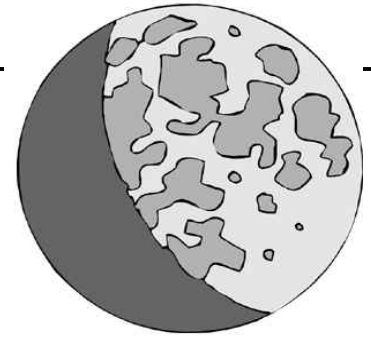
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