

# Space Exploration - Journey to the Stars

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Humans have always looked up at the **stars** and wondered about space. In 1969, people first walked on the moon. Neil Armstrong was the first person to step on the moon. It was an **amazing** moment for everyone on Earth.

**Astronauts** travel to space in rockets and spacecraft. Getting to space is very hard. Rockets need to go very fast to leave Earth. Astronauts train for many years before they can go to space.

In space, there is no **gravity** like on Earth. Things float around! Astronauts must sleep in sleeping bags attached to walls. They eat special food from tubes and **packages**.

Today, astronauts live on the International Space **Station**. It flies around Earth every 90 minutes. Scientists do **experiments** there to learn about space. People from many countries work together on the station.

We have sent **robots** to Mars and other planets. Maybe one day humans will visit Mars too! Space exploration helps us learn about our **universe** and find new places to explore.



## A. Vocabulary

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| 1. stars _____       | a. all of space and everything in it |
| 2. amazing _____     | b. the force that pulls things down  |
| 3. astronauts _____  | c. wrapped containers                |
| 4. gravity _____     | d. machines that can do tasks        |
| 5. packages _____    | e. very surprising and wonderful     |
| 6. Station _____     | f. bright lights in the night sky    |
| 7. experiments _____ | g. a place where people work         |
| 8. robots _____      | h. tests to learn new things         |
| 9. universe _____    | i. to go to new places and learn     |
| 10. explore _____    | j. people who travel to space        |

## B. True or False

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| 1. People first walked on the moon in 1999. _____   | 2. Neil Armstrong was the first person on the moon. _____ | 3. Astronauts train for many years. _____                     |
| 4. In space, things float because of gravity. _____ | 5. The Space Station flies around Earth. _____            | 6. Astronauts eat normal food like at home. _____             |
| 7. We have sent robots to Mars. _____               | 8. Only one country uses the Space Station. _____         | 9. Space exploration helps us learn about the universe. _____ |

## C. Fill in the Blanks

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**Word Bank:** stars, astronauts, gravity, Station, experiments, robots, universe

1. Humans have always wondered about the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ travel to space in rockets.
3. In space, there is no \_\_\_\_\_ like on Earth.
4. Astronauts live on the International Space \_\_\_\_\_.
5. We have sent \_\_\_\_\_ to Mars.

## D. Comprehension Questions

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1. When did people first walk on the moon?
2. Who was the first person on the moon?
3. Why do things float in space?
4. What do scientists do on the Space Station?
5. What planets have we sent robots to?

## E. Discussion Questions

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1. Would you like to be an astronaut? Why?
2. What would you take to space with you?
3. Do you think people will live on Mars someday?

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## Answer Key

**A. Vocabulary:** 1-f, 2-e, 3-j, 4-b, 5-c, 6-g, 7-h, 8-d, 9-a, 10-i

**B. True/False:** 1-F, 2-T, 3-T, 4-F, 5-T, 6-F, 7-T, 8-F, 9-T

**C. Fill Blanks:** 1-stars, 2-Astronauts, 3-gravity, 4-Station, 5-robots

**D. Comprehension:** 1. In 1969; 2. Neil Armstrong; 3. Because there is no gravity; 4. They do experiments to learn about space; 5. Mars and other planets