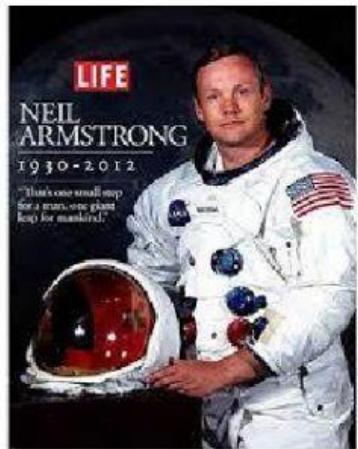


## The first man on the Moon

Neil Armstrong **was** an American who **became** the first man to ever step on the moon.

Armstrong landed on the moon in July 20, 1969. He **got** off the lunar module Eagle and **said** the famous words, "That's one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind."

He **travelled** to the moon with pilots Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins on the Apollo 11 Spacecraft. There **were** complications at the time of landing. The landing module **was coming** in faster than planned, but with some quick thinking, Armstrong **prevented** a disaster and saved the mission.



Armstrong and Aldrin **were** outside of the Eagle module on the moon surface for only a little over two hours. While he **was** there, Armstrong **took** some dirt of the ground, **put** up an American flag, and **talked** to the President of the United States, Richard Nixon.

After the moon-landing mission, Armstrong **retired** from NASA and **became** a teacher at a University. A crater on the moon **was** named after him. He never **returned** to space.

On August 25, 2012 US astronaut Neil Armstrong, the first man on the Moon, **died** of complications from heart surgery. He was 82 years old.

### I. Complete the following sentences putting the verbs in the past simple:

**Ex: The first man to ever walk on the Moon was (be) Neil Armstrong.**

Armstrong \_\_\_\_\_ (become) an instant celebrity,

There \_\_\_\_\_ (be) complications involving the landing,

When \_\_\_\_\_ (ask) about the Moon, he

\_\_\_\_\_ (say): "It's an interesting place to be. I recommend it."

Armstrong \_\_\_\_\_ (get) a job at an University.

When he \_\_\_\_\_ (be) a child, Neil Armstrong  
\_\_\_\_\_ (like) airplanes.

**II. Complete the sentences in the past continuous:**

**Ex: The landing module was coming (come) in faster than planned.**

Armstrong \_\_\_\_\_ (become) an instant celebrity,

The astronauts \_\_\_\_\_ (have) problems landing the Apollo 11.

People \_\_\_\_\_ (ask) about the Moon.

Armstrong \_\_\_\_\_ (fly) the spaceship as a commander

Neil Armstrong \_\_\_\_\_ (walk) on the moon on July 20<sup>th</sup> 1969.