

Read and fill in the blanks with the words

**joyful** = .....

**well - known** = .....

**exploration** = .....

**astronaut** = .....

**hero** = .....

**powerful** = .....

**expedition** = .....



Most people know that Neil Armstrong became the first person to walk on the moon in 1969. But the first person in space is a little less 1. .... His name was Yuri Gagarin, and he was a Russian cosmonaut. (That's the Russian word for 2. ".....".) Gagarin was chosen because he had flown war planes, so he knew how to control 3. .... machines. On April 12, 1961, he took off from Moscow in Vostok 1, which traveled around the Earth once, and returned less than two hours later. People all over the world were 4. .... that the flight had been a success. Gagarin became an international 5. .... Although he never went to space again, his amazing 6. .... should be remembered forever. He took an important first step in space 7. ....