

Lesson 7: Exploring space

Activity 1 Reading

1961, 1966, 1969 and 1986 were important years in the history of space exploration. Do you know why? Read the text to check your ideas.



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1 _____

The Space Age began in the 1940s when the first rockets went to space. In 1961, the first man went into space. They experienced zero gravity.

2 _____

In 1966, the first spacecraft landed on the moon. It took photographs. Then, in 1969, the first man landed and walked on the Moon.

3 _____

Since then, spacecraft have gone to Mars. This is the closest planet to Earth. We now know more about Mars than ever before.

4 _____

In 1986, the age of space stations began. Astronauts can live in space stations for a long time. There are astronauts living in space stations above our heads right now!

5 _____

The International Space Station (ISS) is the biggest. It cost \$100 billion to build. It costs \$82 million for each astronaut to get to the ISS and back to Earth again.

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2) In _____, the first man went into space.

3) In _____, the first spacecraft landed on the Moon

4) In _____, the first man landed on the Moon

5) In _____, the first space station was launched.

