

IMPACT 1 – Reading Practice 2

TO THE MOON

Read the text and questions below.

For each question, mark the correct letter A, B, C or D.

In 1969, three people in a tiny spaceship made history with a trip the world will never forget. The three men were Michael Collins, Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin, and Neil Armstrong. The first manned lunar landing mission was called Apollo 11 and their destination was the moon. Tens of thousands of people worked on the Apollo project to send those men to the moon. The project, also known as Apollo program, took 10 years of preparation. The first manned Apollo flight was a disaster because the spacecraft caught fire on the ground. But NASA continued with the Apollo program. During future space missions, the astronauts practised flying their spacecrafts. They also performed the tasks they needed to know so they were able to fly to the moon and land on it. On the Apollo 8 mission, the astronauts flew around the Moon ten times. They were almost ready for the first moon landing. The rocket that carried the spacecraft and the astronauts into orbit around the moon was called the Saturn 5. It blasted through space at a speed of at least 25,000 miles an hour. Even at that speed, it took 3 days, 3 hours and 49 minutes to reach the moon. The Apollo 11 mission used a special lunar module designed only for landing on the Moon. It was called the "Eagle". On July 20, 1969, the Eagle landed on the Moon's desolate surface. Only two astronauts actually stepped on the moon that day. Neil Armstrong became the first person to walk on the moon. Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin followed about twenty minutes later. The astronauts set up a TV camera, and the whole world watched the landing on TV. Michael Collins waited for them in the spacecraft and orbited the moon. It was his job to take care of the spacecraft that would take them all home. He had to make certain nothing happened to it!

1) What is the writer's main purpose in writing the text?

- A) to talk about Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin
- B) to talk about the first trip to the moon
- C) to explain that the first Apollo mission was a disaster
- D) to explain how difficult it is to travel in space

2) Which Apollo mission took the first astronauts to land on the Moon?

- A) Apollo 11
- B) Apollo 1
- C) Apollo 8
- D) Apollo 6

3) How did the "Eagle" arrive at the moon?

- A) It was sent there by satellite
- B) It flew there on its own
- C) Neil Armstrong sent it there
- D) It was carried by the Saturn 5 rocket

4) How many astronauts walked on the moon on July 20, 1969?

- A) One
- B) Two
- C) Three
- D) Four

5) What can a reader find out from the text?

- A) why the Apollo program was so successful
- B) how much did the Apollo program cost
- C) when did humans first visit the Moon
- D) who was the commander of Apollo 11