B2	The Apollo Moon Landing	LIU002

Choose the best option for each blank.

Buzz Aldrin next to the lunar landing module.

50 years ago, on July 20th, 1969, Apollo 11 astronauts Neill Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin became the first humans to **(1)** _____ their foot on the moon. The United States had won the space race with the Soviet Union. After **(2)** _____ from Kennedy Space Centre in Florida on July 16th the lunar module Eagle landed on the moon's **(3)** _____ . Four days after the lunar landing Apollo 11 successfully splashed down in the Pacific Ocean.

The race to the moon began in 1962 when President John F Kennedy **(4)** _____ that America would land a man on the moon by the end of the decade. In the following years, the American space agency NASA received large amounts of government **(5)** _____ in order to achieve a lunar landing.

The Apollo spacecraft consisted of the command and service module, **(6)** _____ the lunar landing module that would bring two astronauts to the moon's surface and take off again to successfully dock with the command module. A **(7)** _____ rocket, the Saturn V, was built to escape from Earth's orbit.

NASA's space programme **(8)** _____ a catastrophic setback in 1967 when three Apollo astronauts died in a fire **(9)** _____ practicing on the ground at Cape Kennedy.

About 600 million people around the world watched the **(10)** _____ moon landing. Neill Armstrong's first words on the moon are among the most **(11)** _____ in history: "*One small step for man, one giant leap for mankind*".

All in all, the Apollo programme sent 9 spacecraft to the moon in the 60s and 70s. Six of them **(12)** _____ astronauts on the lunar surface. About 400 kilos of lunar rock were collected and brought back to earth.

50 years after the first moon landing events all across the US have been organised to celebrate this historic and technological **(13)** _____ .

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1	lay	locate	set	put
2	taking off	to take off	take off	took off
3	floor	level	ground	surface
4	spoke out	declared	posted	published
5	income	spending	donating	funding
6	as well as	in addition	such as	and even
7	distinct	hard	strengthy	powerful
8	tolerated	suffered	stood	felt
9	through	whenever	while	during
10	ancient	historic	important	major
11	famous	unknown	decided	marked
12	were landing	have landed	landed	were landed
13	invention	discovery	development	achievement

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