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joyful =

well - known=

exploration =

astronaut =

hero =

powerful =

expedition =

Yuri Gagarin : First Man in Space



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.