

# MEN ON THE MOON

WHEN THE LUNAR LANDER TOUCHED DOWN ON THE MOON, IT MARKED THE END OF THE SPACE RACE. Wernher von Braun's Apollo design had won it for the Americans. Now, over half a billion TV viewers on Earth were united in admiration as astronaut Neil Armstrong climbed down the Lunar Lander's ladder onto the Moon's surface. "That's one small step for man," Armstrong told the world from his radio microphone, "and one giant leap for mankind".



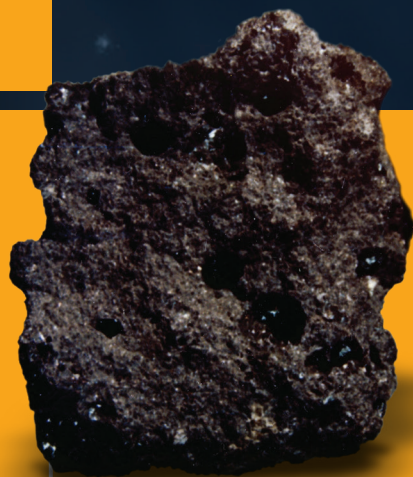
There is no rain or wind on the Moon, so Neil Armstrong's footprint could remain there for millions of years.

## LIFELESS WORLD

Apollo 11 astronauts Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin found the Moon to be a cold, lonely place with no sign of life. Its surface was covered with a fine, grey dust that looked and tasted like gunpowder.

## MOON TASKS

The first task for the Apollo astronauts was to collect a rock sample in case they had to take off quickly. The sample would give geologists clues about possible signs of water or life on the Moon. The astronauts then unloaded the scientific instruments from the Lunar Lander. These would be used to conduct experiments controlled from Earth, such as measuring 'moonquakes' and calculating the Moon's exact distance from Earth.



Armstrong and Aldrin collected over 21.7 kg of Moon rock and soil and brought back even more Moon dust that had attached itself to their spacesuits.

## CATCHING ON CAMERA

The astronauts took many photographs of their expedition to the Moon and used television cameras to beam footage back to Earth. This allowed the world to see an American flag planted on the Moon, proof of its victory in the space race. The flag had been constructed to look like it was flapping in the wind, although in reality it was still. A plaque and medals were also left on the Moon in honour of the Apollo 1 astronauts and cosmonaut Yuri Gagarin, who had died in a flying accident in 1968.

Neil Armstrong took most of the Moon photos. He is only seen in one image, reflected in Buzz Aldrin's helmet visor.

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