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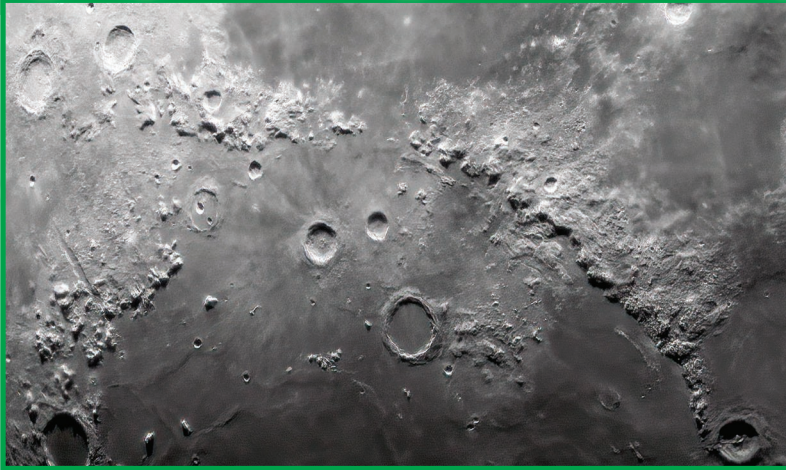


Explore the Moon

Learn more about Earth's closest neighbor.

Earth's Moon

The moon is Earth's closest neighbor. Look up! You can see it in the night sky. Sometimes, you can see it during the day.



The moon is a large rock.

It is one-fourth the size of the Earth. The moon is covered with craters. Craters are formed when objects hit the moon's surface.

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The moon orbits the Earth.

It takes 27 days for the moon to orbit, or travel around, Earth. Its gravity pulls on Earth. This causes tides. Oceans have high tides and low tides each day.

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The moon has eight phases.

The moon seems to change shape. Its shape depends on how it lines up with the Earth and sun. It gets its light from the sun.



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A full-page photograph of an astronaut in a white spacesuit standing on the moon's surface. The astronaut is wearing a helmet with a reflective visor and has an American flag patch on the right chest. The moon's surface is covered in craters and rocks, and the background shows the dark sky and the horizon.

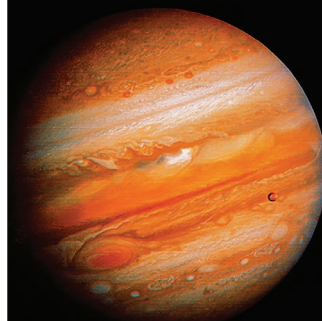
People explored the moon.

Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin (pictured) were the first people on the moon. It took their spacecraft three days to get there.

NASA

Did You Know?

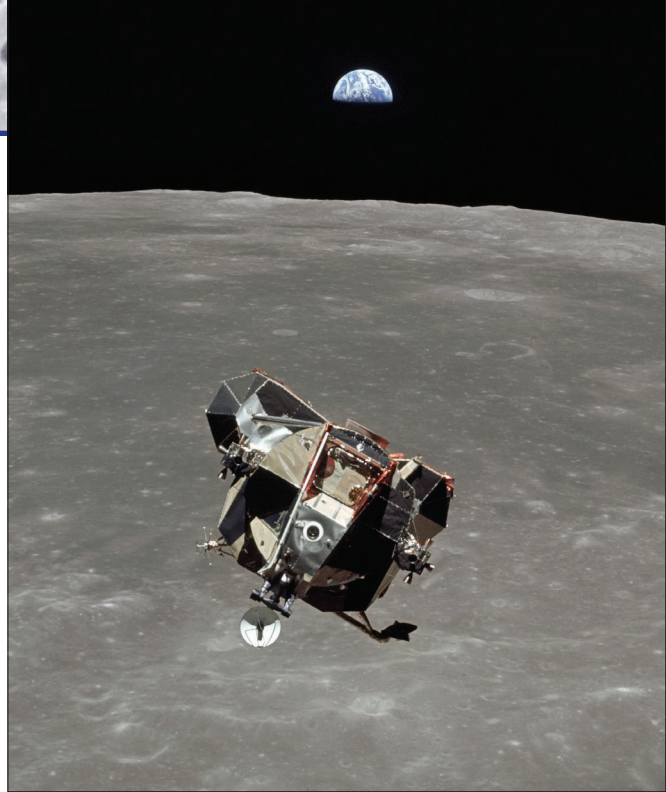
Other planets have moons too. Some have many moons. This is Jupiter. It has 79 known moons. There are more than 200 moons in the solar system.



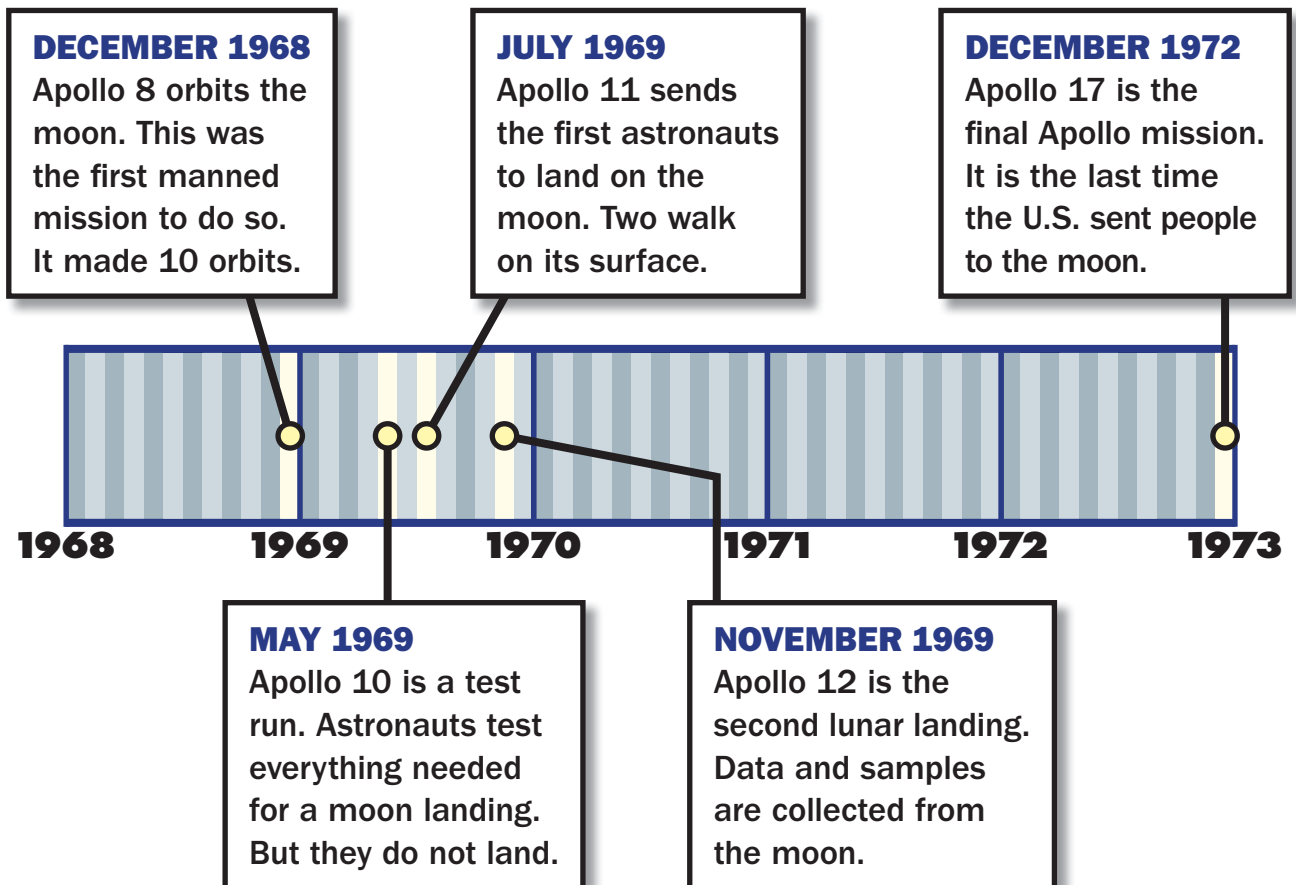
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Moon Missions

In 1969, people landed on the moon for the first time. The mission was part of the Apollo program. It was run by NASA. That is the United States space agency. There were many Apollo missions. Here are five of them. Would you like to explore the moon?



This is the Apollo 11 lunar module. It is returning to the command module after landing on the moon.



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