

# Moon Men<sup>1</sup>

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Right now, above far above your head, in outer space, astronauts are living and working in the International Space Station. This photo shows astronauts on that space station.



**What is happening in the photo?**

Fifty years ago, American astronauts went to the moon. There were 7 moon missions/expeditions, and each carried 3 astronauts. The photo below shows the first two men on the moon, Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin.

**What country does the flag represent?**

**How many astronauts went to the moon altogether on all seven missions?**



On each of the seven missions, only two of the three astronauts actually walked on the Moon. The third astronaut stayed in orbit around the moon in a different spaceship and waited for the Moon Men to return. Unfortunately, on one journey to the moon there was an accident, and no one walked on the moon. Luckily, everyone made it back safely.

**How many men actually walked on the Moon?**

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<sup>1</sup> Suggested Grades: 3 – 5 Skills: Understanding a photo with weightlessness, multiplication with integers & linguistics problem

The word ASTRO means "space" or "stars" in Latin.  
The word NAUT means "sailor" or "traveler."

**So, what does ASTRO-NAUT mean?**

People create language(s). Every remote group of people in the world has their own language. Most countries have different languages although people in all the different countries can use their own language to say the same things as people in other countries.

To create a language, people have to make up words and form a common understanding of each word. Here is a chance for you to make up your own word.

The word LUNA means "Moon" in both Latin and Spanish.

**Using the information above, create a word for "Moon Traveler" in Latin?**

Since the last mission which occurred in 1972 and was called "Apollo 17," no men have been back to the moon and walked on it.

**Do you think humans should go to the moon again? Why or why not?**

**When do you think humans will return to the moon?**