

First Moon Landing



Transcript:

McCandless: Okay. (astronaut) coming down the ladder now.

Armstrong: Okay. I just checked getting back up to that first step, Buzz.

McCandless: Roger. We copy. Buzz, this is **Houston**.

Armstrong: I'm at the foot of the ladder. The **LM footpads** are only **depressed in the surface**...the surface appears to be very, very fine grained, as you get close to it. It's almost like a powder.

Armstrong: Okay. I'm going to step off the LM now.

Armstrong: That's one small step for man; one giant leap for mankind

Armstrong: Yes, the surface is fine and powdery. I can kick it up loosely with my toe. It is like powdered charcoal, to the sole and sides of my boots. I can see the footprints of my boots and the **treads** in the fine, **sandy particles**.

Armstrong: Okay, Buzz, we ready to bring down the camera?

Armstrong: I'll step out and take some of my first pictures here.

Buzz Aldrin: Okay.

McCandless: Roger. Neil, we're reading you loud and clear. We see you getting some pictures and the **contingency sample**.

Aldrin: Looks like it's a little difficult to dig through the **initial crust**...

Armstrong: This is very interesting. It's a very soft surface, but here and there where I plug with the **contingency sample collector**, I run into a very hard surface. I'll try to get a rock in here. Just a couple.

Aldrin: That looks beautiful from here, Neil.

Armstrong: It has a **stark** beauty all its own. It's like much of the high desert of the United States. It's different, but it's very pretty out here.

Your Task:

Questions (Easier)

1. When was the first moon landing?
2. Why is Neil Armstrong an important person?
3. Did Armstrong complete his mission on his own?
4. What did Armstrong say when he stepped onto the moon?
5. Can you find a word or phrase to describe how the moon felt to walk on?
6. What did Armstrong do after he had stepped on the moon?
7. How do you think the astronauts felt?

Questions (Medium/Harder)

1. When was the first moon landing?
2. Who do you think McCandless is?
3. Why is Neil Armstrong a significant person?
4. Did Armstrong complete his mission alone?
5. What were Armstrong's famous words when he stepped on the moon? Can you explain what you think his words mean?
6. What did Armstrong compare the moon's surface to? Copy a word or phrase to support your answer.
7. Which place did he compare the moon to? Copy a phrase for evidence.
8. How do you think the astronauts felt?