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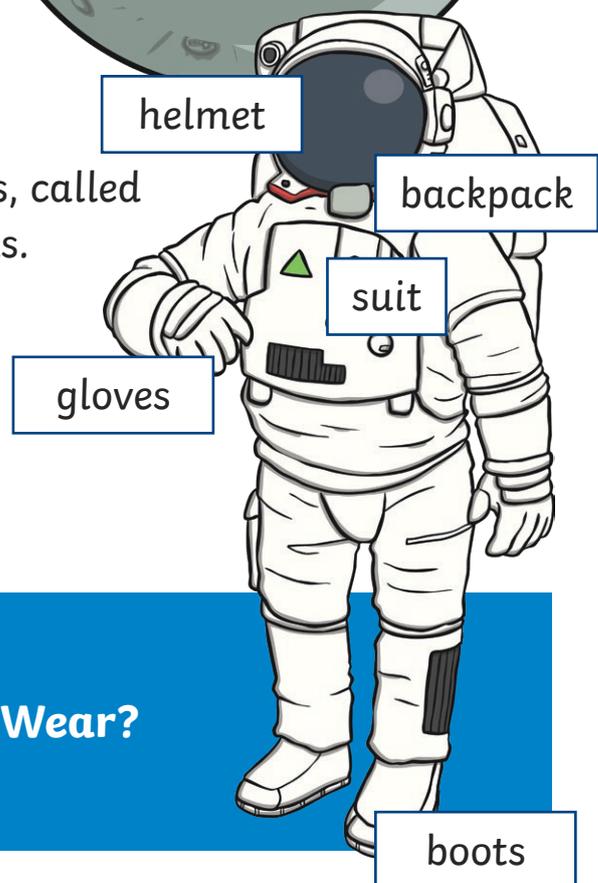
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He was born in 1930 in America.



## Why Is He Famous?

- In 1969, Buzz Aldrin went on a spacecraft called 'Apollo 11' to space.
- He went with two other astronauts, called Neil Armstrong and Michael Collins.
- Neil Armstrong was the first man on the Moon.
- Buzz Aldrin followed him a little bit later.



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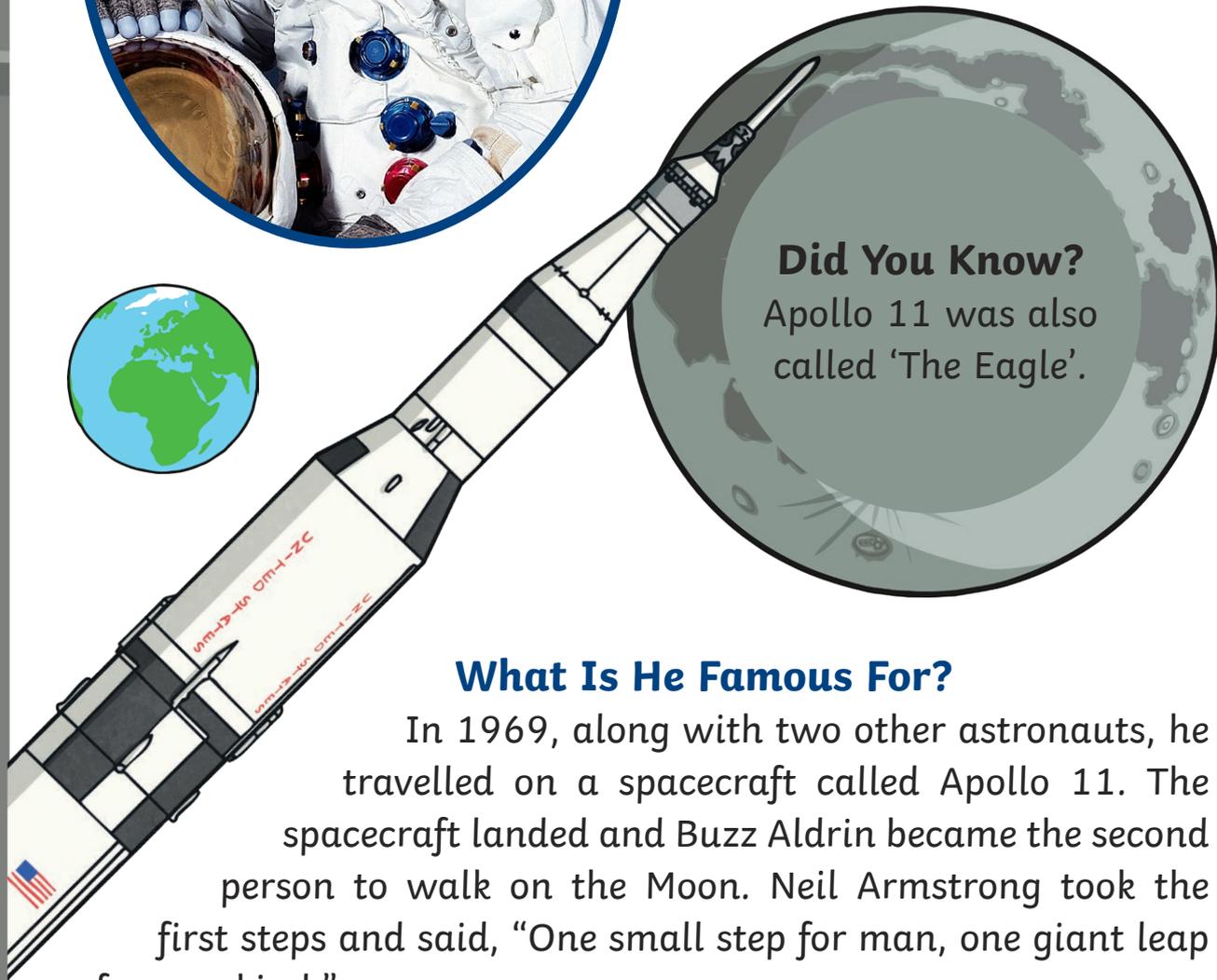
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Edwin 'Buzz' Aldrin was born on January 20th 1930, in America.

When he was younger, his sister called him Buzz. People have continued to call him this throughout his life.



**Did You Know?**  
Apollo 11 was also called 'The Eagle'.

## What Is He Famous For?

In 1969, along with two other astronauts, he travelled on a spacecraft called Apollo 11. The spacecraft landed and Buzz Aldrin became the second person to walk on the Moon. Neil Armstrong took the first steps and said, "One small step for man, one giant leap for mankind."

Buzz had travelled to space before in 1966, on a spacecraft called Gemini 12. He spent 5 and a half hours outside the craft.

## What Does an Astronaut Wear?

**A helmet** to make sure they have enough oxygen.

**A special suit** to protect their body from heat and cold.

**A backpack** which carries air, water and batteries.

**Gloves** to protect their fingers.

**Boots** which are attached to the suit.

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**Any 3 from: boots, gloves, a helmet, a backpack, a special suit.**

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## Who Is Edwin 'Buzz' Aldrin?

On 20th January 1930, a man named Edwin Aldrin was born in New Jersey, America. His sister, who was unable to say brother, called him 'Buzzer'. His family shortened it to 'Buzz' and it quickly became his nickname.

## What Is He Famous For?

In 1966, Buzz Aldrin travelled in a spacecraft called 'Gemini 12' to space. During this mission with Jim Lovell, the longest and most successful spacewalk at that time took place. He also took a photograph of himself which has since become known as the first space 'selfie'.

Most famously, he is known for his space mission in 1969 to the Moon, alongside Neil Armstrong and Michael Collins.



## Did You Know?

Edwin Aldrin legally changed his name to Buzz Aldrin in 1988.

On July 21st 1969, at 03:15, Buzz Aldrin set foot on the Moon's surface, following Neil Armstrong. This walk was televised and viewed by approximately 600 million people. The spacecraft was also known as 'The Eagle', due to the bird being the national emblem of America.

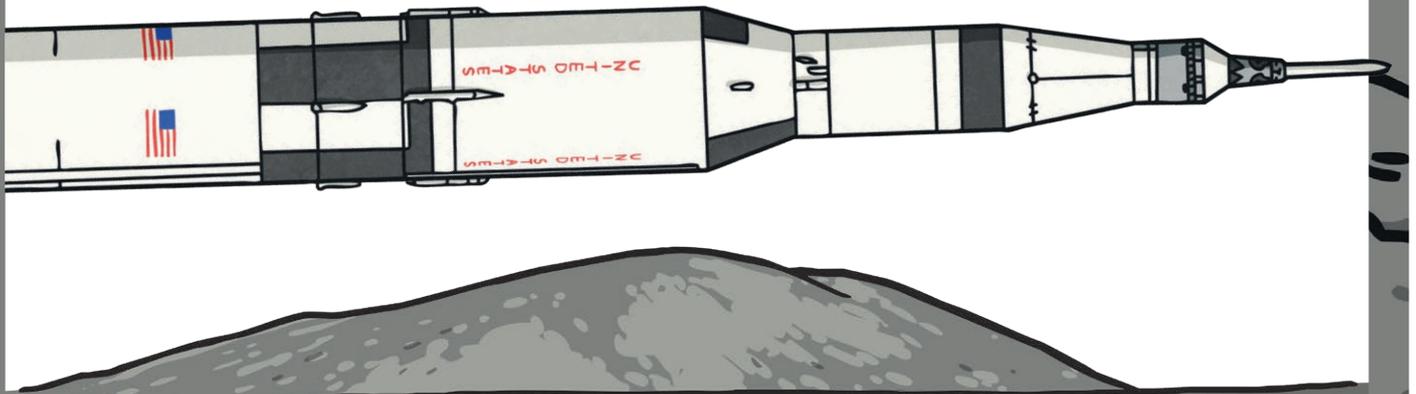
## Apollo 11

The two astronauts (who were the only two on the mission to step onto the Moon), spent over two hours outside the spacecraft. They collected over forty pounds of moon rocks.

When they returned, the spacecraft landed in the Pacific Ocean.

In 1961, the president at the time, John Kennedy, announced a national goal of landing a man on the Moon before the end of the 1960s.

The third astronaut on board, Michael Collins, was the pilot.



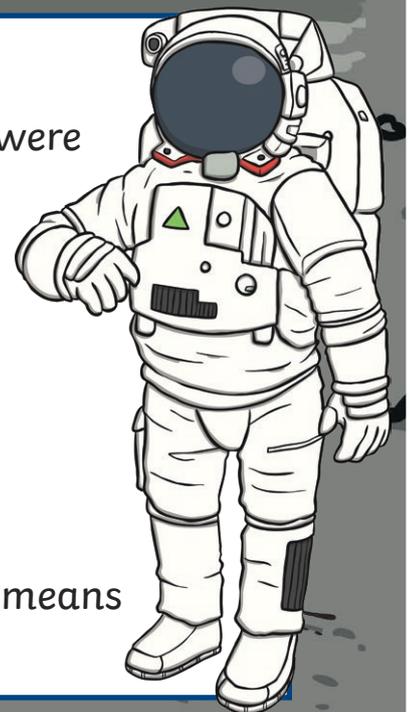
## The Moon

The first Moon mission was in 1959 but there were no people on board.

Due to the level of gravity being weaker, a person weighs less on the Moon than on Earth.

The Moon has only been walked on by twelve people. They have all been American men.

The Moon does not have an atmosphere which means no sound can be heard on it.



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**Children's own responses.**