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Mission to the Moon

The ground is soft under the **astronaut's** feet. He takes one step and then another. The dust on the ground sticks like gray chalk to the sides of his large boots. Every step he takes is in slow motion. Each step requires careful thinking. His body feels **weightless** each time he moves and even when he is still.

In the **distance**, a bright orb shines in the black velvet sky. The astronaut looks at the familiar sphere that he calls home. Earth looks so different from 238,855 miles (384,400 kilometers) away. It looks like a brilliant jewel when looking at it from the moon.

Buzz Aldrin's footprint on the moon's surface

History in the Making

The first moon landing was an important event in history. Men had already been to space. But, no one had ever landed on the moon until the U.S. Apollo 11 mission. Astronauts Neil Armstrong, Buzz Aldrin, and Michael Collins landed on the moon. The Apollo 11 mission to the moon was a big **accomplishment**. It was a victory for Americans. And, it was a victory for people all around the world.

This postage stamp honors Neil Armstrong.

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