

FICTION AND NON-FICTION

INSTRUCTIONS

Read the passage and answer the questions that follow.

Fly to the Moon

It may be hard to believe that people have been to the Moon, but people have actually walked on it. We have driven a car on it. We have even played golf on the Moon! How did this happen?



In 1961, Russia flew a person into space. This had never been done before. The United States wanted to send a person into space too, but we wanted to do it better. We wanted to send a person to the Moon! President Kennedy said we could go to the Moon by 1970. He was right!

On July 16, 1969, a rocket left Earth. It flew toward the Moon. That is about 240,000 miles away. It would take years to ride a bike that far, but the rocket was fast! It took a few days to fly. Three men landed on the Moon on July 20, 1969.

The first person to step on the Moon was Neil Armstrong. He spent two hours on the Moon. Buzz Aldrin was the next person on the Moon. Other people went to the Moon too. In total, 12 people walked on the Moon. Alan Shepard even hit a golf ball on the Moon!

The last person went to the Moon in 1972.

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1. Is this story true or is it made up? How do you know?

2. Write three things you learned from this story.

3. Now write a fictional story about the Moon.
