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5 THE MOON

Look up at the sky at night and you will see the Moon – but what is it?

The Moon is a huge ball of rock in space. It moves around the Earth.

The Moon is not smooth. It is covered in big dents called craters. These are made when other rocks crash into it.

The Moon does not glow. We can see it when light from the Sun bounces off it.

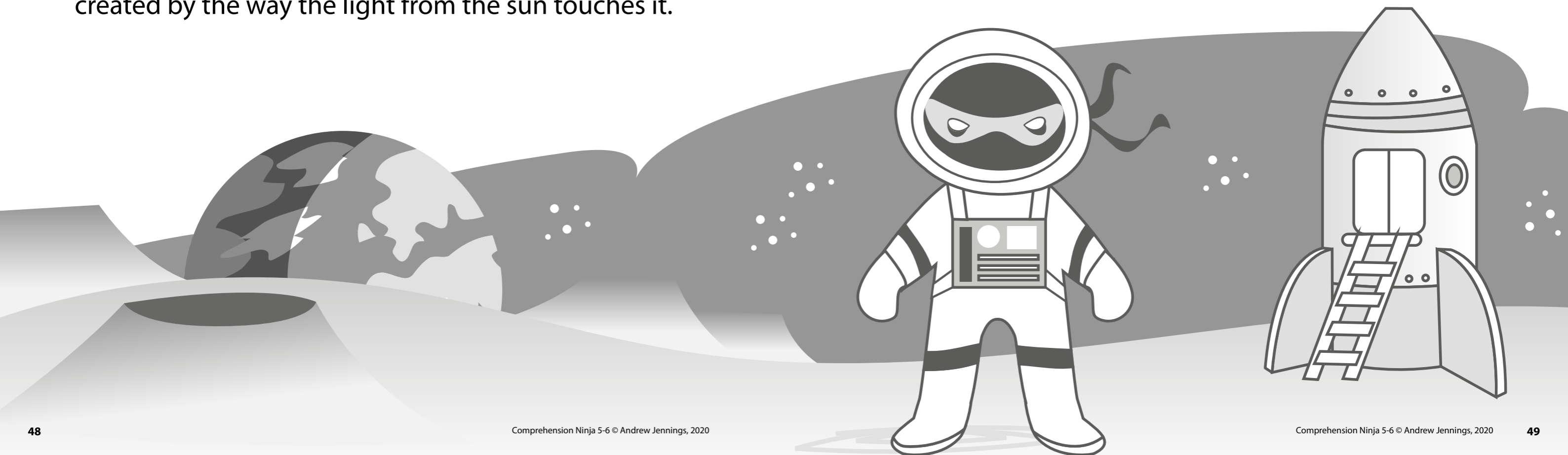
The Moon may look like different shapes, but these are created by the way the light from the sun touches it.

Things seem less heavy on the Moon. They can float or bounce high.

There is almost no water or air there. Humans cannot live there, but some people have visited.

Men first walked on the Moon in 1969. They got there in a powerful rocket. They took pictures and collected rocks for us to look at on Earth.

Would you like to visit the Moon?



SKIM AND SCAN

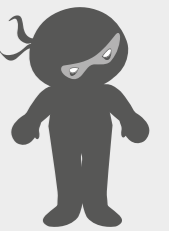


This question is about *The Moon*.

Use your ninja reading eyes to spot the words in the text. Circle the words when you find them.

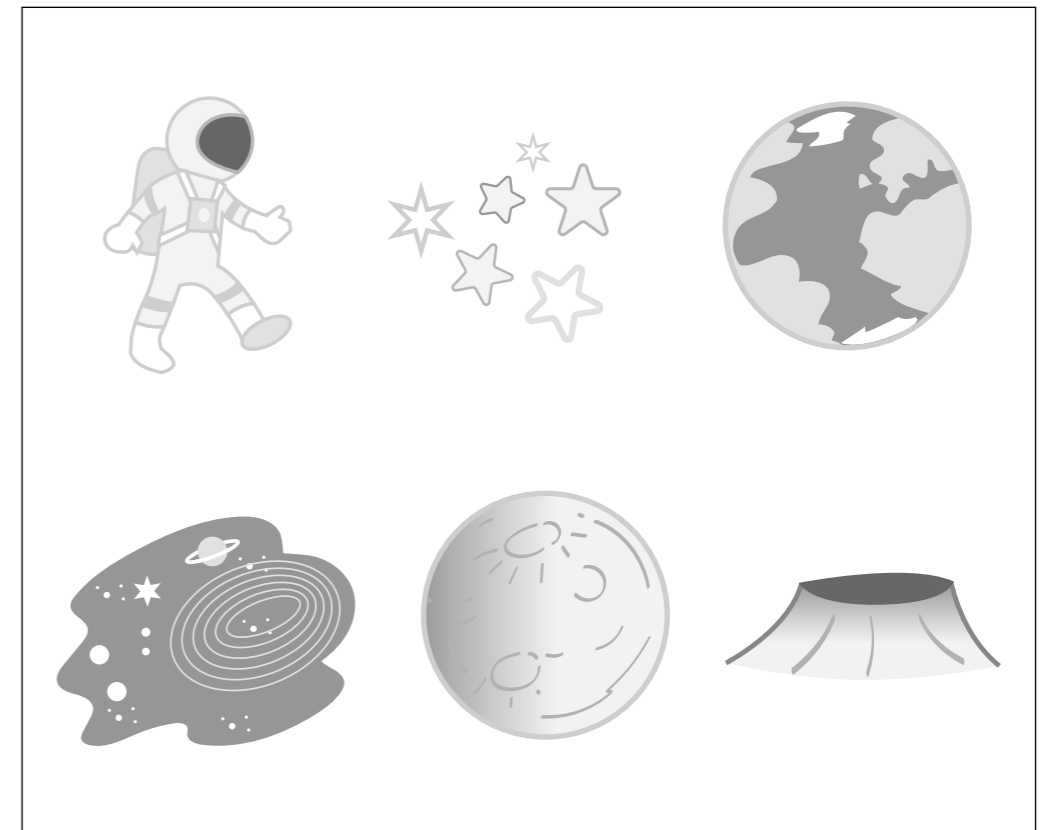
sky	night	Moon
space	Earth	craters
crash	light	bounces
air	humans	rocket
pictures	collected	rocks

LABEL AN IMAGE



Look at the image below.

Label the image with words from the word bank.



Word bank

Moon	crater	astronaut
Earth	space	stars

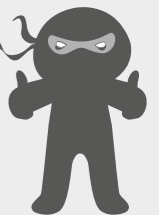
DRAW AND LABEL



Draw the statement in the boxes.
Add your own labels to your drawing.

Moon and craters	man on the Moon
rocket in space	rocks on the Moon

MATCHING



Draw a line with a ruler to match the information. One has already been done for you.

See the Moon	smooth
The Moon is	in the sky at night
The Moon moves	a huge ball of rock
The Moon is not	around Earth

Draw a line with a ruler to match the information.

The Moon is	humans
The surface is	a huge ball in the sky
There is almost no	water or air
These can't live there	covered in big craters

Draw a line with a ruler to match the information.

flew to the Moon	rock
travelled by	1969
huge ball of	pictures
took	powerful rocket

FILL IN THE GAP



FILL IN THE GAP USING A WORD BANK

Read each sentence and choose the correct word to fill the gap. Look back at *The Moon* to find the correct answer.

There is almost no water or air there. _____ cannot live there, but some people have visited.

- Humans
- Animals
- Plants
- Insects

Men first _____ on the Moon in 1969.

- ran
- jumped
- walked
- danced

The Moon is not _____. It is covered in big dents called craters.

- soft
- rough
- smooth
- round

The Moon is a huge ball of rock in _____.

- the sky
- the clouds
- space
- the air

FILL IN THE GAP

Look back at *The Moon*. Skim to find the correct area or paragraph of the text. Then scan to locate the correct sentence. Fill in the gap with the missing word.

The Moon does not glow. We can see it when light from the Sun _____ off it.

It is covered in big dents called craters. These are made when other _____ crash into it.

There is almost no water or air there. Humans cannot live there, but some _____ have visited.

MULTIPLE CHOICE



Circle the correct answer to the following questions.

Who can't live on the Moon?

- pictures
- rockets
- humans
- aliens

The Moon is covered in huge...

- forests
- craters
- cities
- fields

The Moon does what around the Earth?

- jumps
- moves
- dances
- runs

In which year did men first walk on the Moon?

- 1969
- 1975
- 1984
- 1994

The Moon is not...

- round
- rocky
- a star
- smooth

What did people use to travel to the Moon?

- a powerful rocket
- a weak rocket
- a starship
- a plane

What does the Moon move around?

- the Sun
- the Earth
- another moon
- a star

TRUE OR FALSE



Read the sentences. Put a tick in the correct box to show which sentences are true and which are false.

- The surface of the Moon is covered in water. True False
- Other rocks crash into the Moon. True False
- Men collected plants from the Moon in 1969. True False
- The Earth moves around the Moon. True False

FIND AND COPY

Read the sentences below. Find and copy two things there is almost none of on the Moon.

There is almost no water or air there. Humans cannot live there, but some people have visited.

1. _____
2. _____

Read the sentences below. Find and copy two things found in space.

The Moon does not glow. We can see it when light from the Sun bounces off it.

1. _____
2. _____

123 SEQUENCING



Write the numbers 1 to 3 to show the order this information appears in the text *The Moon*.

- They can float or bounce high.
- The Moon is a huge ball of rock in space.
- It moves around the Earth.

Write the numbers 1 to 3 to show the order this information appears in the text *The Moon*.

- craters
- powerful rocket
- different shapes

Look at the sentences below. Write the numbers 1 to 4 to show the order the words occur in the sentences.

The Moon is not smooth. It is covered in big dents called craters.

dents	smooth	craters	Moon

Men first walked on the Moon in 1969. They got there in a powerful rocket.

1969	powerful	walked	first

5. THE MOON

MATCHING

see the Moon	in the sky at night
the Moon is	a huge ball of rock
the Moon moves	around earth
the Moon is not	smooth
the Moon is	a huge ball in the sky
the surface is	covered in big craters
there is almost no	water or air
these can't live	humans
there	
flew to the Moon	1969
travelled by	powerful rocket
huge ball of	rock
took	pictures

FILL IN THE GAP

Humans
Walked
Smooth
The sky
Bounces
Rocks
People

MULTIPLE CHOICE

Humans
Craters
Moves
1969
Smooth
A powerful rocket
The earth

TRUE OR FALSE

False
True
True
False

FIND AND COPY

water / air
Moon / light / Sun

SEQUENCING

3, 1, 2
1, 3, 2
3, 2, 4, 1
3, 4, 2, 1

6. KNIGHTS AND CASTLES

MATCHING

castles were built to	protect rich and important people
castles may seem like	fun
castles were	dark and damp
moats	made it harder for enemies
most castles were built	over 500 years ago
boys trained	every day
castles were surrounded by	moats
knights learned	to ride and fight
knights wore	heavy metal armour
knights rode	horses
castles were full of	rats
boys	trained as knights

FILL IN THE GAP

Dark
Protected
Noble
Armour
Families
Moat
Soldiers

MULTIPLE CHOICE

Rich and important people
Watery moats
Ride and fight
Metal armour
Boys from rich families
Strong
Rats

TRUE OR FALSE

True
False
False
True

FIND AND COPY

guarded castles / rode horses
dark / damp / rats

SEQUENCING

2, 1, 3
3, 2, 1
3, 1, 4, 2
4, 2, 1, 3

7. HEALTHY STIR-FRY

MATCHING

Stir-fry is made of	lots of vegetables
Stir-fry is cooked in	a hot pan
Stir-fry can be	a tasty healthy meal
Stir-fry can be served with	noodles and rice
Step 1	cut vegetables
Step 2	heat frying pan
Step 3	add vegetables
Step 4	add soy sauce
spring	onions
high	heat
baby	corn
soy	sauce

FILL IN THE GAP

Quickly
Sunflower
Onions
Noodles
Hardest
Frying pan
Burn

MULTIPLE CHOICE

Small pieces
Frying pan
Baby corn
Noodles
Sunflower oil
A few minutes
Healthy

TRUE OR FALSE

False
False
True
True

FIND AND COPY

spring onions / carrots / peppers /
baby corn / peas
(a bit of) water / soy sauce

SEQUENCING

2, 1, 3
3, 2, 1
2, 4, 1, 3
3, 1, 4, 2

8. HABITATS

MATCHING

polar habitats	penguins
woodland habitats	badgers
desert habitats	camels
coastal habitats	seals
gulls	coastal habitats
bears	desert habitats
spiders	woodland habitats
orca whales	polar habitats
very little rain	desert habitats
close to the sea	coastal habitats
lots of trees	woodland habitats
extremely cold	polar habitats

FILL IN THE GAP

Food
Live
Habitats
Cold
Habitats
Whales
Insects

MULTIPLE CHOICE

Orca whale
Deer
Seal
Meerkat
Rain
The sea
Shady trees

TRUE OR FALSE

False
True
False
True

FIND AND COPY

penguins / polar bears / orca whales
frogs / parrots / monkeys

SEQUENCING

2, 1, 3
3, 2, 1
1, 3, 2, 4
4, 2, 3, 1