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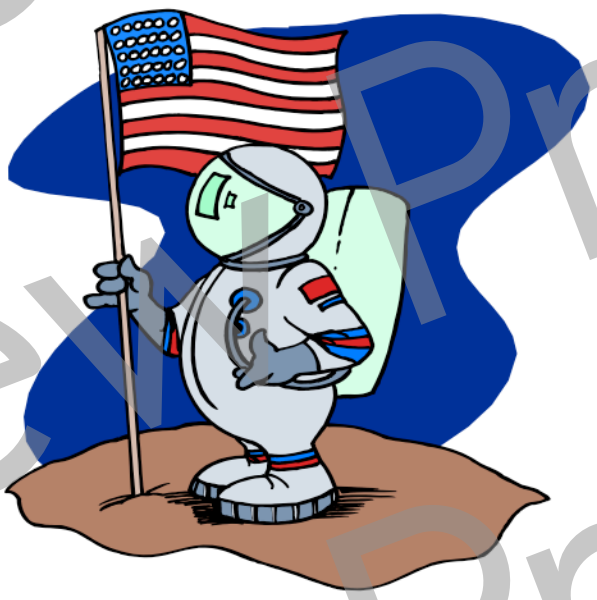

Have you ever dreamed of going to the moon? In July 1969, two American astronauts walked on the moon. Their names were Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin. If you visited the moon today, you would still be able to see their footprints! They also left behind the American flag.

When the astronauts went to the moon, they needed to wear spacesuits and helmets to protect them, because sometimes the moon is very cold and at other times it is very hot. The helmets helped them breathe because there is no air on the moon.

Did you know that if you weighed 70 pounds on Earth, you would weigh only 11 ½ pounds on the moon? And if you went for a walk on the moon, you would bounce with each step. Some people say the moon is made out of Swiss cheese because there are holes, called craters, on the moon. The craters were caused by large rocks from space, called meteorites, hitting the moon. Here is another interesting thing about the moon: Did you know that the moon is like a mirror? It reflects the light of the sun and sends it to Earth and makes the moon look bright and beautiful! Don't you agree we have a beautiful moon?

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Use the information in the story to answer the questions below.

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   B. Footprints and an American flag
   C. A letter from Earth
   D. Music from Hannah Montana
2. Why do astronauts need spacesuits?
   A. So they won't get hurt by space rocks
   B. So they can bounce higher
   C. So people can see them better
   D. To protect them from the cold and heat
3. If you weighed 70 pounds on Earth, how much would you weigh on the moon?
   A. 70 pounds
   B. 100 pounds
   C. 11 ½ pounds
   D. 0 pounds
4. What are the holes on the moon called?
   A. Craters
   B. Swiss cheese
   C. Mountains
   D. Rocks
5. Why does the moon shine?
   A. Because it is a ball of fire
   B. Because it has batteries
   C. Because it's daytime on the moon
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