

A. Read the title and look at the pictures below. What do you know about these people?

Amazing Astronauts



Alan Shepard

On May 5th, 1961, he went half way around the Earth in a spaceship called Freedom 7. This made him the first American in space. He went into space again in 1971. This time he went on the Apollo 14 mission and he landed on the moon. When he was on the moon, Shepard took a golf club with him and actually hit a few golf balls out into space.



Yuri Gagarin

Yuri Gagarin was the first person to go around the Earth in a spaceship. He did that on April 12, 1961. Yuri was born in a town near Moscow, Russia in 1934. He joined the Soviet Air Force in 1955 and in 1959 he became part of a team of USSR cosmonauts. Yuri died in 1968 when his plane crashed near Moscow. A big crater on the moon is called Gagarin Crater, after Yuri Gagarin.



Neil Armstrong

He became the commander of the ship Apollo 11 and went all the way around the moon in 1968. In July of 1969, Armstrong took his Apollo ship to the moon again, and this time he landed it. He became the first person to walk on the moon and that's when he said the famous words: "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." He and his crew mate Buzz Aldrin stayed on the moon for about two and a half hours.

B. Read the text again and complete the sentences.

1. Alan Shepard was the first American _____ .
2. Shepard played _____ when he was on the moon.
3. Yuri Gagarin was from _____ .
4. Gagarin is the name of a _____ on the moon.
5. Neil Armstrong is the first person to _____ .

Vocabulary:



step



leap



golf club



spaceship



space



moon



land



crater



cosmonaut