

Top 10 Neil Armstrong Facts For Kids

- Armstrong suffered from travel sickness as a child, but luckily he was absolutely fine in space. He could fly a plane before he even learned how to drive a car. Armstrong got his student flight certificate on his 16th birthday and completed his first solo flight later that month.
- While studying at university, Armstrong was called to fight in the Korean War for the US as a Navy pilot. He flew 78 missions over Korea for a total of 121 hours in the air.
- Armstrong's astronaut application form arrived a week past the deadline. His friend saw the late arrival of the application and slipped it into the pile before anyone noticed.
- When Armstrong landed the lunar module on the Moon, there were only thirty seconds of fuel left. Armstrong and Aldrin then walked a distance of approximately sixty metres on the surface of the Moon.
- When they re-entered the lunar module to head back to Earth, Armstrong and Aldrin discovered that they had broken the ignition switch for the engine. So, they had to fix the issue by jamming a pen into the broken switch.
- Six hundred million people watched the astronauts make history in the Moon Landing on live television and several million more listened to it on the radio.
- After safely returning to Earth four days later, Armstrong, Collins and Aldrin spent three weeks in quarantine in order to check that they had not picked up any strange viruses from space. Armstrong turned 39 during this time and had to celebrate his birthday in quarantine.
- While the astronauts were on the moon, they collected over 21 kilograms of dust materials from the Moon's surface for NASA scientists to examine. The samples were later sold at an auction for £1.4 million.
- The footprints made by Armstrong and Aldrin are still on the Moon. The dust is thick and there isn't any wind to remove them.
- In 1985, Armstrong went to the north pole with a group of fellow explorers. His reason for going on the trip was because he had only seen the north pole from space and wanted to experience it at ground level.