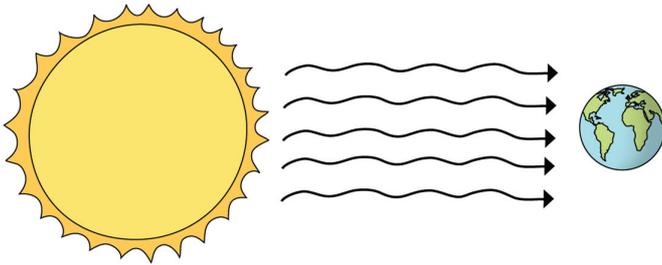


The Sun and the Stars

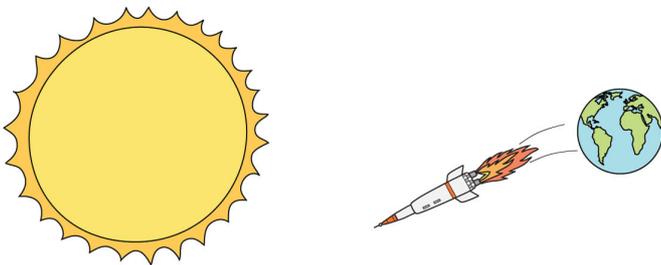
We are on a planet called Earth.

We get light from the Sun and it keeps planet Earth hot.

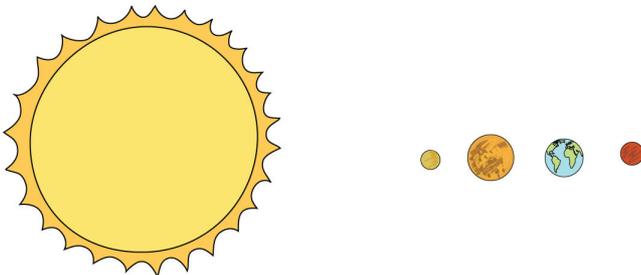


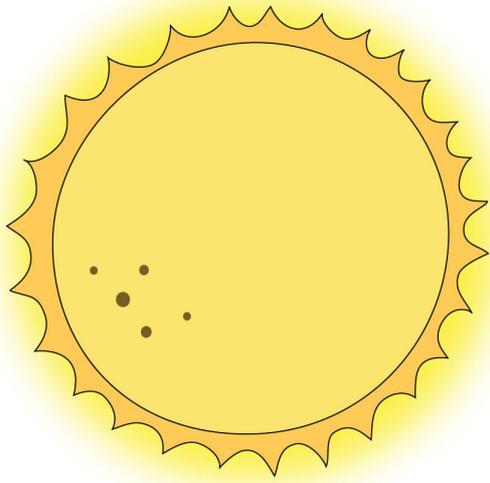
We cannot go to the Sun. It is too far away and it is much too hot.

No rocket can get to the Sun.



The planets Mercury and Venus are between Earth and the Sun. The planets are too hot for us to get to.





The Sun is a star. It is the nearest star to planet Earth.

Stars are balls of burning gas. They are far far away.



If you look up at night, you can see millions of stars. They look bright when the sky is dark.



The first star you can see at night is called the Morning Star, but it is not a star. It is the planet Venus.

Listening Comprehension: Questions and Answers

Q1: What is the name of the planet we live on?

A1: Earth.

Strategy: Ask the children to listen to the beginning of the audio to hear again the opening of the text and to raise their hands when something in the text tells them the answer to the question. Draw their attention to 'What' in the question, and explain that the answers to 'What' questions are usually found in the text.

Q2: Which two planets are closer to the sun than we are?

A2: Mercury and Venus.

Strategy: Ask the children to listen again to the relevant part of the text and to raise their hands when they hear the answer to the question. Point out that the question begins with 'Which', and remind them that the answers to 'Which' questions will be found in the text.

Q3: Why is the Morning Star not a good name for the first star we see?

A3: Because it is a planet (or because we see it in the evening or at night).

Strategy: Ask the children to listen again to the end of the text and to raise their hands when something in the text tells them the answer to the question. Draw their attention to 'Why' in the question, and remind them that 'Why' asks for a reason so they have to listen to the text and think about their answer.

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1. We are on a planet called _____.

2. We get _____ from the sun.

3. We cannot go to the sun. It is too _____

and too _____.

4. Tick **yes** or **no**:

Mercury is a planet.

Yes

No

Mercury is nearer the sun than Earth is.

Yes

No

We can go to Mercury.

Yes

No

5. The sun is a _____.

6. Which is the first star you see at night? _____

Teaching text: The Sun and the Stars

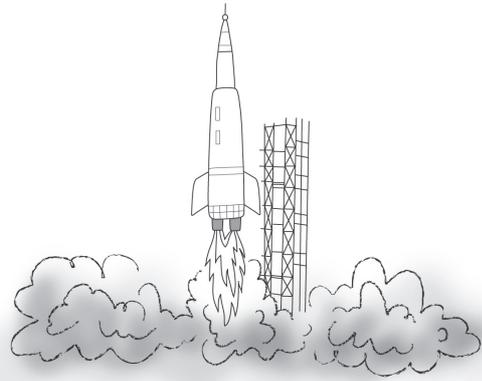
The children should work independently or in pairs.

Cracking the questions

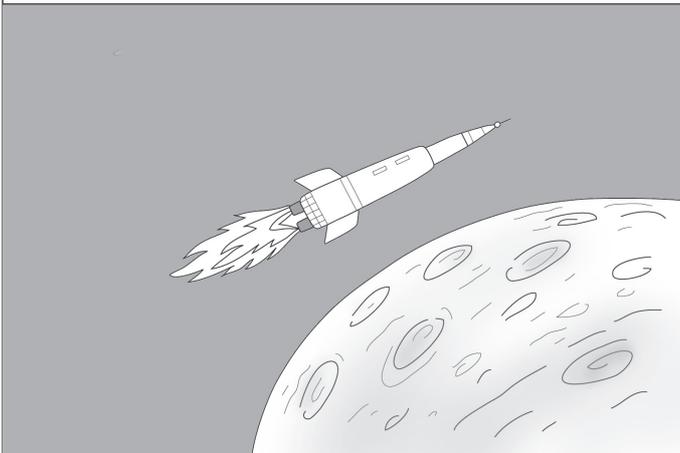
Question	Answer	Focus	Strategy
1. We are on a planet called _____.	Earth	1b	In this question, you have to work out which word will go on the line. Read the question carefully. Think about which part of the text you need to read again. Remember the question while you read. Copy the word you found.
2. We get _____ from the sun.	light	1b	In this question, you have to work out which word will go on the line. Read the question carefully. Think about which part of the text you need to read again. Remember the question while you read. Copy the word you found.
3. We cannot go to the sun. It is too _____ and too _____.	far hot	1b	In this question, you have to work out which words will go on the lines. Read the question carefully. Think about which part of the text you need to read again – you don't have to read from the beginning. Remember the question while you read. Copy the words you found.
4. Tick 'Yes' or 'No'. Mercury is a planet. Mercury is nearer the sun than Earth is. We can go to Mercury.	Yes ✓ Yes ✓ No ✓	1b	To answer questions like this, you have to read each sentence separately and decide if it is true or not. Some of the sentences will try to trick you. Start with the first part of the question. Remember the question while you read the text – you don't have to read from the beginning. When you find the answer, decide where to put your tick. Then do the same with the next parts of the question.
5. The sun is a _____.	star	1b	Read the beginning of the sentence. How do you think this sentence should end? Where in the text should you look for the answer to this question? Remember the question while you read the text again. Copy the word you found.
6. Which is the first star you see at night?	The Morning Star/Venus.	1b	Read the question. What do you think the answer is? Where in the text should you look for the answer to this question? Remember the question while you read the text again.



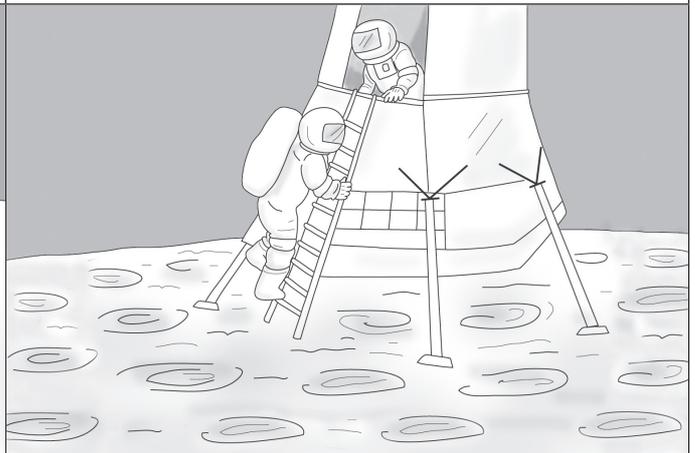
**The moon is a long way away.
But men have been to the moon.
They went in 1969.**



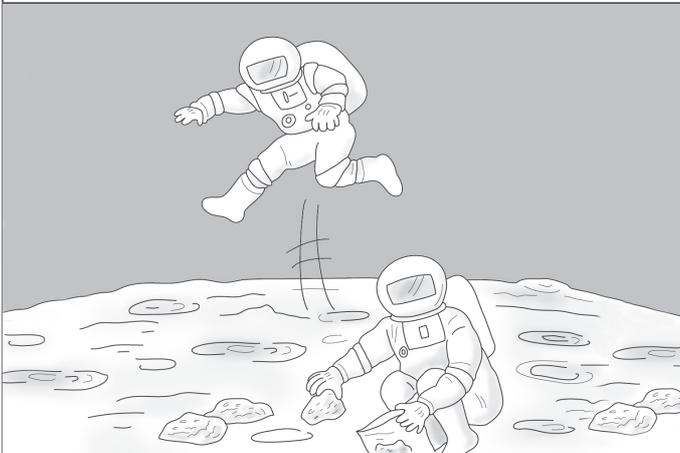
**The men got into a rocket.
10 - 9 - 8 - 7 - 6 - 5 - 4 - 3 - 2 - 1
Blast off.**



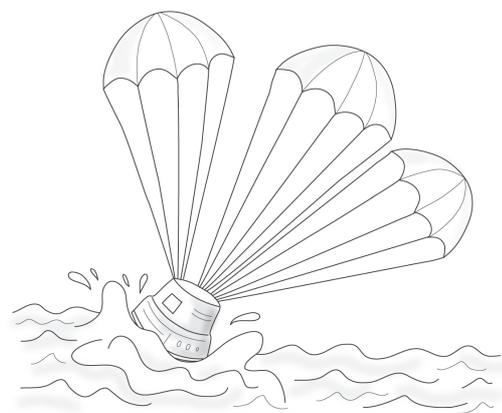
**The rocket zoomed up and up. It went into
outer space. It went into orbit around the
moon.**



**Then, the rocket's landing craft took the
men to the moon.
They went down a ladder onto the moon.**



**The men floated and jumped on the moon.
They picked up rocks to bring back with
them.**



**The landing craft left the moon and went
back to the rocket.
The rocket zoomed back. It landed with a
splash down into the sea.**

Finish the sentences:

1. Men went to the moon in _____.

2. They got into a _____. It took off.

3. The rocket went into _____.

Then it went into _____ around the moon.

4. Tick **yes or **no**:**

The rocket landed on the moon.

Yes

No

The men went up a ladder to get to the moon.

Yes

No

The men picked up rocks from the moon.

Yes

No

Finish the sentences:

5. The landing craft went back to the _____.

6. What did the rocket splash down into? _____.

Practice text: Men on the Moon

Cracking the questions

The children should be able to complete the tasks with some independence. The Practice text can be photocopied from pages 46 and 47.

Question	Answer	Focus	Strategy
1. Men went to the moon in _____.	1969 (also accept a rocket)	1b	In this question, you have to work out which answer will go on the line. Read the question carefully. Think about which part of the text you need to read again. Remember the question while you read. Copy the word you found.
2. They got into a _____. It took off.	rocket	1b	In this question, you have to work out which word will go on the line. Read the question carefully. Think about which part of the text you need to read again. Remember the question while you read. Copy the word you found.
3. The rocket went into _____. Then it went into _____ around the moon.	(outer) space orbit	1b	In this question, you have to work out which words will go on the lines. Read the question carefully. Think about which part of the text you need to read again – you don't have to read from the beginning. Remember the question while you read. Copy the words you found.
4. Tick 'yes' or 'no'. The rocket landed on the moon. The men went up a ladder to get to the moon. The men picked up rocks from the moon.	No ✓ No ✓ Yes ✓	1b	To answer questions like this, you have to read each sentence separately and decide if it is true or not. Some of the sentences will try to trick you. Start with the first part of the question. Remember the question while you read the text – you don't have to read from the beginning. When you find the answer, decide where to put your tick. Then do the same with the next parts of the question.
5. The landing craft went back to the _____.	rocket	1b	Read the beginning of the sentence. How do you think this sentence should end? Where in the text should you look for the answer to this question? Remember the question while you read the text again. Copy the word you found.
6. What did the rocket splash down into?	The sea.	1b	Read the question. What do you think the answer is? Where in the text should you look for the answer to this question? Remember the question while you read the text again.