

## A Night to Remember

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The beast was bigger than Big Ben and the Statue of Liberty.

After years of research and development, this colossus was designed to **fly to the Moon and back!**

**What do you think we're talking about?**

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"It was a pitch-black night on 16th November 2022 in Florida, USA, and lurking in the darkness, a colossus sat patiently waiting, quietly exhaling, with breath so cold that it instantly evaporated against the humid air surrounding it. The beast was bigger than New York's Statue of Liberty or London's Big Ben, with enough power to light the heavens, explode giant holes in the Earth's surface, or to keep eight Boeing 747 aeroplanes in the air at the same time.

What was this strange creature – you might be thinking – waiting to burst into life?

You may think I'm describing a mythical dragon or some such creature. But no. This monster represents years of research and development with humankind working at its best, in the biggest team imaginable, spanning continents. Their hard work culminating in something so awe inspiring that it makes you feel like you could achieve anything – **even fly to the Moon and back.**

HANG ON..... wait a minute, did you say "**fly to the Moon and back**"? Well, that's exactly what this COLOSSUS is designed to do."

**Ask your group what they think you are talking about.**

## Meet NASA's Mega Rocket

...the Space Launch System (SLS) - the most powerful rocket ever!



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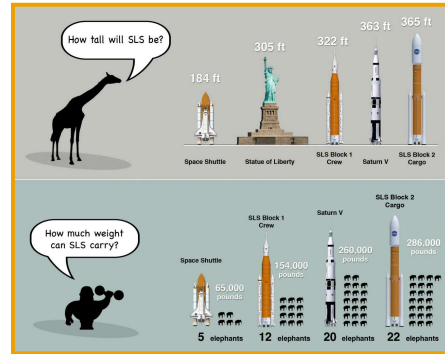
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"Meet NASA's mega rocket, the most powerful rocket ever. The Space Launch System, or SLS. Currently, the SLS is the only rocket with enough power to send lots of cargo and equipment, or a manned spacecraft, to the Moon and beyond."

**(As a side note, watch out for SpaceX's Starship coming soon).**

## How Many Elephants can the SLS Carry?

- When carrying **crew**, the SLS can carry **154,000 pounds (or 69,853kg)**  
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**Did you know: The SLS crew version weighs almost as much as 8 fully-loaded 747 jumbo jets, producing as much thrust at launch as 139 jet engines."**

## NASA'S Space Launch System (SLS)

On top of the SLS rocket sits a large, heavy capsule named **Orion**.

Orion can carry **4 astronauts** and contains everything needed for travelling into deep Space – it's where the crew eats, sleeps, works, etc.



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"On top of this rocket sits a large, heavy capsule named Orion, which is designed for interplanetary travel, and can carry four astronauts. Inside this spacecraft is everything needed for travelling into deep Space, where the crew live, eat, sleep, work, and yes, I know what some of you are thinking – go to the toilet too.

**Your mission, should you choose to accept it, is to travel with me on this thrilling journey to the Moon and back, to learn about the most exciting mission yet that human-kind are embarking on.** As Buzz Lightyear says famously in the movie Toy Story, **"to infinity and beyond"**. Or at least to the Moon and back, with an end goal of colonising Mars!"

**Put your helmets on, strap yourselves in, and let's get started!**

## **An Overview of Artemis 1**

**Who can tell me what the  
Artemis Programme is?**

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**Ask your class what they think the Artemis Programme is.**

## What is the Artemis Programme?

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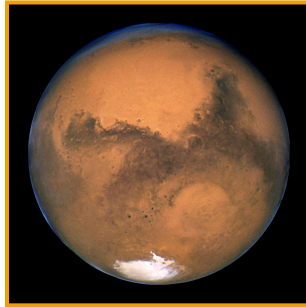
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The programme's name comes from Artemis, the Greek goddess of the Moon, and twin sister to Apollo. The Apollo programme first brought astronauts to Earth's natural satellite, the Moon, on 20th July 1969.

It may feel like we are talking science fiction here, but the Artemis mission's objectives involve them making use of the Moon as a **stepping stone for a mission onwards to Mars.**"

## A Trip to Mars

Do you think you would like to go to Mars? What do you think it would be like?



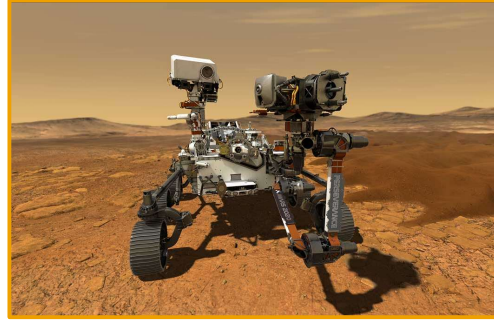
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**Ask your class if they think they would like to go to Mars and what it would be like.**



## NASA's Preparation for Visiting Mars

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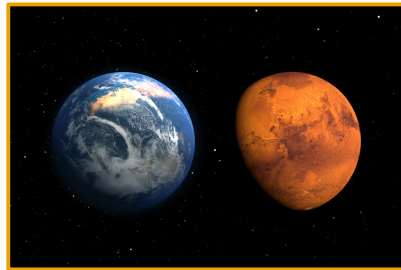
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# The Artemis Mission 1, 2 & 3

## Artemis 1

On **16<sup>th</sup> November 2022** at **01:47am ET**, NASA successfully launched Artemis 1 at NASA's **Kennedy Space Centre in Florida**.

The first mission was to send the Orion Spacecraft 'uncrewed'.

This was to **test the safety of the SLS rocket**, and the **capsule's ability to reach the Moon, perform a lunar orbit, and return to Earth for an ocean splashdown**.



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**"2022: NASA successfully launched Artemis 1** at 01:47 a.m. EST – Eastern time - (06.47 GMT- Greenwich Mean Time, which is local time in England) on 16th November, from Launch Complex 39B at NASA's Kennedy Space Centre in Florida.

The first mission, now successfully completed, was to send the Orion Spacecraft 'uncrewed' (that is with no astronauts aboard) to test the safety of the SLS rocket and the capsule's ability to reach the Moon, perform a lunar orbit, and return to Earth for an ocean splashdown. The SLS rocket deployed several small satellites into Space to perform experiments and technology demonstrations. For six days, the craft orbited the Moon, collecting performance data.

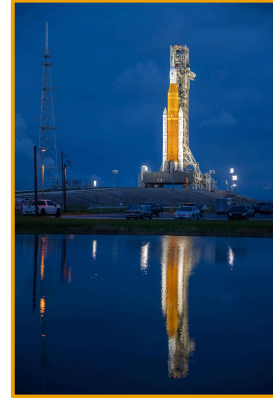
(Although NASA rehearsed this mission many times, simulating the complete trip, it's not the same as the real thing. Therefore, before they send real human beings on this mission, it was critical to test the hardware.)"

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Planned for **2024**, carrying the **first four Artemis astronauts**, the Orion will transport the crew **farther from Earth than humans have ever travelled before.**

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Planned for **2025**, we will see **the next man and first woman step onto the Moon**. Providing the previous missions have been successful, the astronauts will fly to the Moon and **remain there for approximately one week**, conducting experiments.



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### **"2025: Artemis 3**

This is the big one. We'll see the next man and first woman step onto the Moon. Providing the previous missions have been successful, the astronauts will shoot towards the Moon, using the Lunar Lander to lower two people to the Moon's South Polar region. They'll remain on the Moon for approximately one week, conducting experiments and practicing their Moon walking. **Remember: as the Moon is 1/6th the size of Earth – the astronauts will only weigh 1/6th of what they do here on the Earth, so walking becomes jolly good fun, and you can take giant leaps into the air.**

For the initial Artemis Moon missions, the selected astronauts will likely fly to the Moon's south pole. This area has great potential as it is believed to be home to the highest abundance of water ice. If we can extract this water, it could be used to sustain human exploration farther into Space, whether that's as a human hydration source, rocket fuel resource, or cooling system for equipment.

The Shackleton crater that measures 12-miles across on the Moon's surface, (and a feature definitely worth visiting when looking for fun things to do whilst on the Moon), has a permanent shadow cast in the dips of the crater. The low temperatures make it a promising place for ice to form. **So, it may be worth taking your ice-skates.** In fact, these permanently lightless areas maintain some of the coldest temperatures (-163 degrees Celsius, or -260 degrees Fahrenheit) in the entire solar system. Although it's possible that water can even be found on the Moon's lit surfaces, an area likely to have the highest abundance of water is the best spot to start looking for this crucial natural resource. **There is, as we speak, a probe called 'Spot Light' which is currently whizzing its way to the Moon to hunt out water."**



## The Gateway Space Station

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## Quiz: The Artemis Mission 1, 2 & 3

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## The Artemis Mission 1 — Recap

The mission was to **fly an empty capsule** in automatic mode, without a crew, **past the Moon, orbit around it, and return it to Earth.**

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**It sounds quite straightforward, doesn’t it?**

So, before we look at the launch of the most powerful rocket the world has ever known, and look at the key stages of the mission, for all you rocket geeks in the room, let’s have a quick nose at what makes up the Artemis Space Launch System and Orion capsule.”

## What Makes Up the SLS & Orion Capsule?



**Orion spacecraft:** An uncrewed Orion spacecraft will venture thousands of miles beyond the Moon, paving the way for future flights with astronauts.

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Show the Artemis I Moon Rocket image and go through each section with your class.

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Want to learn how to draw the SLS?  
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## Building the Biggest Rocket in the World

The SLS project began in **2011** – involving a team of people that stretched across **fifty states of America** and **70,000 jobs and businesses**, with further input and development from European countries.



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“The SLS project began back in 2011 – involving a team of people that stretched across fifty states of America and 70,000 jobs and businesses, with further input and development from European countries. This really is a global collaboration, and shows humanity at its best. Working in synergy (together) and on different parts of the Artemis programme, this extensive team produced a rocket that has just flown around the Moon and back.”

**Mention to your group that they can go onto a career in Aerospace and Space too.**

## Welcome to the Vehicle Assembly Building (VAB)

- The VAB is based at the **Kennedy Space Centre** in Florida.
- The VAB is **one of the largest buildings in the world**.
- Its **high bay doors** are the **largest in the world** and take about **45 minutes** to **completely open or close them**.
- The building is 3-4 miles away from the launch pads, so a '**crawler**' carefully transports the rocket on a mobile launcher to the launch pad.



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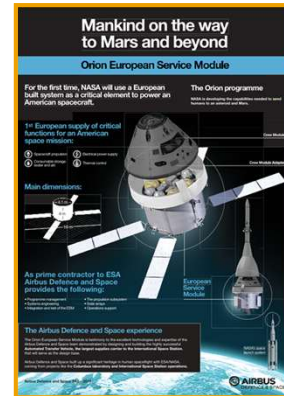
"The coolest workshop/hangar ever – based at the Kennedy Space Centre in Florida.

If you are building a big rocket, you need a big building to build it in. A building where you can stack and work on different levels at the same time.

- This iconic, gigantic building is **one of the largest buildings in the world**.
- It covers 8 acres, is 525 feet tall (160m) and 518 feet wide (158m).
- The **VAB** high bay doors are the largest in the world at 456 feet (139m) high, and it takes about 45 minutes to completely open or close them.
- The building is home to the largest American flag ever.
- The building is three to four miles away from the launch pads, so a specially designed vehicle called a 'crawler' carefully transports the rocket at a 'snail's pace' on a mobile launcher to the launch pad."

## Orion and the European Service Module — A Quick Shout Out

The Artemis programme really is a team effort. The European Space Agency (ESA) designed and developed Orion's service module, the part of the spacecraft that supplies air, electricity, and propulsion.

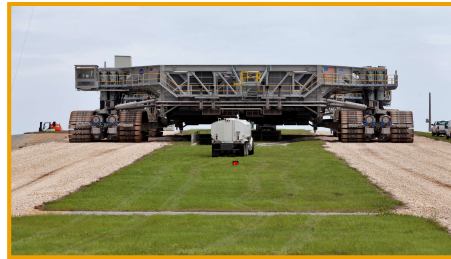


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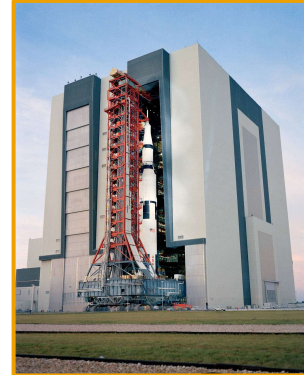


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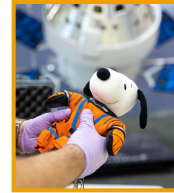
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## Who has Hitched a Ride Inside the Orion Space Capsule?

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### **Can anyone tell me what important role these two performed on the Artemis 1 mission?**

Snoopy and Shaun aren't simply going along for a joy ride, thousands of miles into Space. They have an important job to do. They're **zero gravity indicators**, or zero 'g' indicators for short. This means that after Artemis launches, Snoopy and Shaun break free from the Earth's atmosphere and they will start to float in the capsule. This means that the Orion spacecraft has entered Space and they have achieved weightlessness of microgravity.

This is a mega exciting moment of any journey into Space. It has been a long-standing tradition for astronauts to take a mascot with them into Space, hanging them up in the capsule. Suddenly to see them floating about as weightlessness is achieved is great fun too. Anyway, it is important that these furry fellows earn their keep whilst they are on board."



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**Commander Moonikin Campos**, a mannequin, now holds the world record for going farther into Space than any human astronaut has gone before – 40,000 miles away at its furthest orbit from our Moon.

Mannequins in a spacecraft with enviable views of the Moon may sound like a joke, but these three passengers had an important mission to carry out."

## Who is Moonikin Campos?

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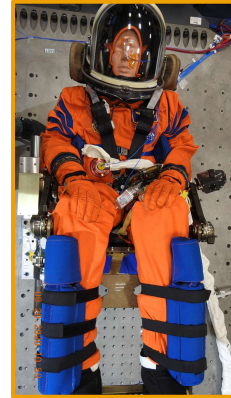
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"You can almost think of it as a personalised, mini spacecraft, that protects the crew member, providing them the correct pressure, oxygen, cooling and other life-sustaining functions.

With new safety features, Commander Moonikin Campos' seat resembles that of a racing car, with a cocoon forming around its occupant. The seat has shock absorbers in case of landing in rough seas or other scenarios. The suit is weighted to resemble a real astronaut and it's designed to work together with the seat."

## Phantom Twins

Helga and Zohar will **experience deep Space radiation** inside Orion.

They are made of materials that mimic the soft tissue, organs, and bones of a woman to **test how radiation passes through the human body.**



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"The twin mannequins, Helga and Zohar, have a separate mission. The two torsos are based on phantoms, used for radiation treatment.

**The phantoms Helga and Zohar will experience deep Space radiation inside Orion.**

They are made of materials that mimic the soft tissue, organs, and bones of a woman. **Their epoxy resin even resembles human lungs and brain tissue to test how radiation passes through the human body.**

The torsos have more than 5,600 sensors and 34 radiation detectors to measure how much radiation exposure occurs within different organs during the mission."

## What are Space Radiation & Solar Storms?

Space radiation is a mixture of high energy, charged particles that originate from the Sun (and other solar systems), and is often dispersed in solar storms travelling nearly at the speed of light.

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The mannequins are part of the Matroshka AstroRad Radiation Experiment or **MARE**, a collaboration between the German Aerospace Centre, the Israel Space Agency, NASA, and other institutions across multiple countries.”

## Astrorad

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### **The AstroRad vest was recently tested on the International Space Station.**

Solar storms unleashed by the Sun can last for days or weeks. The developers of AstroRad hope that the vest will allow future Artemis crews to continue performing daily activities despite Space weather. The vest is made up of thousands of shielding cores that can protect vital human organs against solar energy particles."

## Space Radiation Research

The MARE project aims to measure the differences between **how specific organs, such as the brain, respond to radiation.**

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**NASA has also sent 12,000 varieties of yeast on the mission – researchers hope that the Yeastronauts can teach them about how radiation will affect humans in Space.**

They are also carrying a good variety of tree seeds. These will be planted on return to Earth to mark the accomplishment of the Space flight.”

## Quiz: Who has Hitched a Ride Inside the Orion Space Capsule?

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2. How far did the mannequins travel at their furthest point from our Moon?
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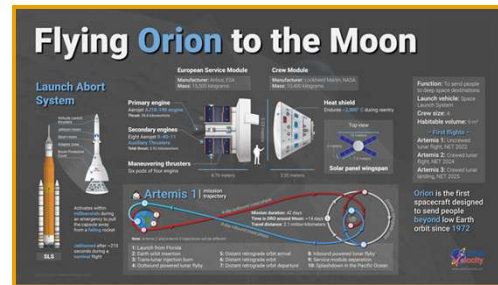
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# Stages of the Artemis 1 Mission

- **Flight day 1:** Launch
- **Flight day 2-5:** Outbound Transit
- **Flight day 6-9:** Transit to Lunar Orbit
- **Flight day 10-15:** Lunar Orbit
- **Flight day 16-19:** Exit Lunar Orbit
- **Flight day 20-26:** Return Transit
- **Flight day 26:** Splashdown (Dec 11)



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## Launching the SLS

**From Launch Complex 39B at NASA's Kennedy Space Centre in Florida:**

Seconds after ignition, the SLS blasted off the pad and began its journey to the Moon. The ignition of the Space Launch System rocket was so powerful that it damaged its mobile launch platform.

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"From Launch Complex 39B at NASA's Kennedy Space Centre in Florida: Seconds after ignition, the SLS blasted off the pad and began its journey to the Moon, lighting up the night sky, turning night into day, burning its solid rocket boosters and four liquid hydrogen fuelled engines. The ignition of the Space Launch System rocket was so powerful that it damaged its mobile launch platform.

See this cool picture to the right of the blast proof doors on the platform. **Well, they did say that it was the most powerful rocket in the world!**

During launch, the SLS produced up to **39 million newtons (8.8 million pounds)** of thrust. That's 15% more thrust than the Saturn V rocket that took astronauts to the Moon during the Apollo programme. NASA calls SLS the most powerful rocket in the world, though SpaceX says its Starship Super Heavy booster, which they are currently developing, will produce **76 million newtons (17 million pounds)** of thrust."

## Launching the SLS

Climbing with immense acceleration, the twin SLS solid rocket boosters only burnt for **two minutes** and then their job was done. **They detached from the craft and fell into the ocean.**

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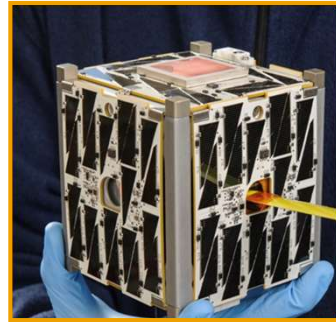
Once this happened, one more upper stage engine (a part of the Interim Cryogenic Propulsion Stage, or the ICPS) briefly ignited, **putting Orion into Earth's orbit**. Then a mere **90 minutes after leaving the launch pad**, and carrying out ‘a trans-lunar injection burn’, it pushed Orion onwards, (including the crew module and the European Service Module) on its long journey, floating on its own, coasting towards the Moon.”

## Cubesats

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The other CubeSats had different jobs to do, including four aimed at studying the Moon. **Two searched for water on the Moon, while another attempted to land, using what would be the smallest Lunar Lander in history.”**

## Terms to Remember

**Lunar Orbit**

**Distant Retrograde Orbit (DRO)**

**Splashdown**

**Orion's heat shield**



Orion's heat shield

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**"Lunar Orbit:** After its long journey across outer Space, Orion then arrived at the Moon in style, firing its service module engine, and skimming the surface at an altitude of just 69 miles. Coming so close to the Moon pushed the capsule away from our natural satellite, and a later engine burn sent Orion into its final orbit, known as a **Distant Retrograde Orbit**, or **DRO**.

**Distant** means the orbit travels far from the Moon, while **Retrograde** means the orbit is opposite the Moon's direction of rotation. A **DRO** allows a spacecraft to remain stable for long periods of time using very little fuel, making it an ideal place for Orion to test its capabilities.

In DRO, Orion coasted roughly 40,000 miles beyond the Moon, breaking the record for a crew-rated spacecraft's distance from Earth set by Apollo 13. The capsule then departed DRO with an engine burn and a second lunar flyby, which put it on course back towards Earth.

**Splashdown:** After a return cruise back to Earth, Orion then slammed into the planet's atmosphere at 25,000 miles per hour. This was much faster than a usual re-entry from a spacecraft. During re-entry from Earth's orbit, the air molecules can't get out of the way of Orion fast enough, compressing and heating up to temperatures of 2,800 degrees Celsius, or 5,000 degrees Fahrenheit. The craft has a **heat shield** that is designed to protect the vehicle until it slows down to a more manageable velocity.

At this time, the team at NASA decided to do something really cool. To help remove some of the energy from the capsule and to help it slow down, they went for a **skipped re-entry** where they dip the craft into the upper part of the atmosphere, where along with the lift of the capsule, they are able to skip it back out again, and then finally re-enter into Earth's atmosphere."

## Orion's Heat Shield

At **4.7 miles** above the Pacific Ocean, Orion's drogue parachutes deployed to slow the spacecraft even further.

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This was then hauled back to dry land and shipped back to Kennedy Space Centre.

Although the whole mission has been constantly reporting data back to the team at NASA, a new wealth of information was still to be gained. I'm sure that the first task was to see how Snoopy, Shaun the Sheep, and the gang enjoyed their trip."

## Quiz: Stages of the Artemis 1 Mission

1. What is the name of the small satellites that were deployed on the mission?
2. What is a Distant Retrograde Orbit?
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## Some Questions Whilst Flying the Water Rokit

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Water Rokit

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*Here are some questions to ask your group if they are struggling.*

- 1. What is the name for what's needed to push a rocket up into the air? Both the SLS and Water Rokit need this to travel upwards. Answer:** Thrust.
- 2. What two substances are needed to generate thrust in liquid-propelled rockets? Answer:** A propellant (fuel) and oxygen/oxidiser. In the SLS: Liquid Hydrogen and Liquid Oxygen (LOX).
- 3. What two substances are needed to generate thrust in your Water Rokit? Answer:** Water and air.
- 4. What helps to keep your Water Rokit stable and on its course upwards into the sky? Answer:** Fins.
- 5. How do the SLS' engines keep the rocket on its correct trajectory (on its set course)? Answer:** It uses its engines to **gimbal** the rocket.

## Quiz: About the Artemis Programme

1. What is the name of the capsule that will carry astronauts to the Moon?
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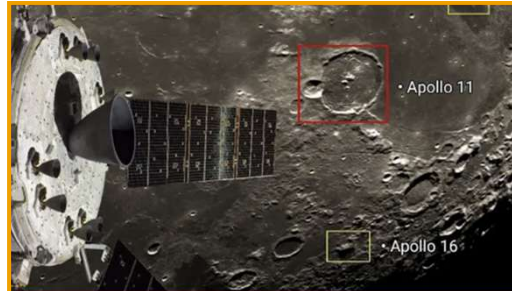
Our stunning planet Earth, from the Moon's perspective:



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The spacecraft flying over the Apollo sites on the Moon where astronauts landed before:



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## Craters on the Moon:



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## Videos

### Artemis I: We Are Ready



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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wKwoBudYlil>



## Videos

### Explore Kennedy Space Center: VAB



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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Qt2mBaZnhyU>

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### NASA's Artemis I 'Passengers'



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### Artemis I Mission Highlights



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