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THE SPACE RACE

The mystery of the Moon refuses to diminish. It is little wonder that people have always wanted to go there. The great Space Race took place in the 1960s and everyone knows the Americans won it. Or did they? It is quite true that Apollo 11 was the first mission to land men on the Moon in 1969 but the Russian Luna 9 was the first to land successfully, three years earlier. It just didn't have anyone on board. Perhaps even less well known is that Luna 3 actually took photographs of the dark side of the Moon in 1959, ten years before the American landing.



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As our nearest neighbour, it is not surprising that mankind has always been fascinated by the Moon. There have always been unanswered questions. Was it made of green cheese? Was there really a man in the Moon? Space probes have given us the answer to the first question but as for the second, who knows? We haven't found the man in the Moon yet, but he could just be hiding!

1. Tick the correct answer to complete this sentence.

The Moon orbits the:

Tick **one**.

Sun.

Earth.

sea.

sky.

2. How many people have walked on the Moon?

Circle **one**.

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3. Tick the correct box to show whether each of the following statements is **true** or **false**.

	True	False
The Moon always has the same side towards the Earth.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Astronauts visited the Moon in the 1950s.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The Moon's surface is quite bright.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
The other side of the Moon is dark.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

