

Resource 2

Look at the resource below, which gives information about some of the people who have travelled to space.

Yuri Gagarin was the first person to fly in space. He was a Soviet Air Forces pilot and cosmonaut. He circled the Earth in a flight that lasted 108 minutes on 12th April 1961.

Valentina Tereskkova was the first woman to fly in space on a solo mission on 16th June 1963. She spent three days in space and orbited the Earth 48 times.



On 20th July, 1969. Neil Armstrong became the first person to step foot on the moon. Apollo 11, blasted off four days earlier carrying astronauts Neil Armstrong, Mike Collins and Edwin 'Buzz' Aldrin. Armstrong and Aldrin explored the moon for 3 hours whilst Collins orbited around the moon.

Does any of the information surprise you? What questions do you have?



SpaceShipOne

Michael Melvill was the first commercial astronaut and the first person to travel into space on a privately funded spaceship. On 21st June 2004, Melvill piloted the SpaceShipOne on its first flight.

The total number of people who have been in space is 565.

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