

Our Moon

Read the text. Then answer the questions on the next page.

- 1 The Moon is our closest neighbor in space. It is very different from Earth.
- 2 The Moon has no air to breathe and no weather. There is no wind and no rain. A footprint left in the gray dust can stay there for millions of years, because nothing blows it away.
- 3 The Moon does not make its own light. It shines because sunlight bounces off it. As the Moon travels around Earth, we see different amounts of its bright side. That is why the Moon seems to change shape during the month.
- 4 People have walked on the Moon. In 1969, astronauts landed there for the first time. So far, twelve people have walked on the Moon. They could jump high and they felt light, because the Moon's pull is much weaker than Earth's.



Our Moon: Questions

Go back to the text to find your proof. Underline it in the color shown.

1. What is the topic of this text?

- ☐ the Sun
- ☐ the Moon
- ☐ astronauts

2. What is the main idea of paragraph 2?

- ☐ The Moon has no air and no weather.
- ☐ Dust is gray.
- ☐ Wind can blow dust away.



3. Write two details from paragraph 2 that tell more about its main idea.



4. What is the main idea of paragraph 3?

- ☐ A month is a long time.
- ☐ The Moon is round.
- ☐ The Moon does not make its own light.



5. What is paragraph 4 mostly about?



6. Which sentence tells the main idea of the whole text?

- ☐ Astronauts landed on the Moon in 1969.
- ☐ The Moon is very different from Earth.
- ☐ The Moon shines at night.



Our Moon: Answer Key

Answers are in green. The proof is where to find each answer in the text.

1. What is the topic of this text?

- ☐ the Sun
- ☒ **the Moon**
- ☐ astronauts

Proof The word “Moon” is in the title and in every paragraph.

2. What is the main idea of paragraph 2?

- ☒ **The Moon has no air and no weather.**
- ☐ Dust is gray.
- ☐ Wind can blow dust away.

Proof Paragraph 2: “The Moon has no air to breathe and no weather.”

3. Write two details from paragraph 2 that tell more about its main idea.

There is no wind and no rain. A footprint can stay in the dust for millions of years.

4. What is the main idea of paragraph 3?

- ☐ A month is a long time.
- ☐ The Moon is round.
- ☒ **The Moon does not make its own light.**

Proof Paragraph 3: “The Moon does not make its own light.”

5. What is paragraph 4 mostly about?

People have walked on the Moon.

6. Which sentence tells the main idea of the whole text?

- ☐ Astronauts landed on the Moon in 1969.
- ☒ **The Moon is very different from Earth.**
- ☐ The Moon shines at night.

Proof Paragraph 1: “It is very different from Earth.”