

# Moon Lander

## CAST

**JAY:** Commentator  
**LOUISE:** Commentator  
**AUSTIN:** Astronaut  
**JAMIE:** Astronaut

**ZOE:** Astronaut  
**BEEZLEBUG:** Alien  
**SATURNIUS:** Alien  
**MERCURIAN:** Alien

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## SCENE ONE

**JAY:** Our brave team of astronauts are preparing for a trip to the moon...

**AUSTIN:** Hi, my name is Austin and my crewmembers are called Jamie and Zoë.

**ZOE:** Why are we going to the moon again?

**JAMIE:** Where were you during briefing? We're going to the moon to find out about craters and the surface of the moon!

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## SCENE TWO

**JAY:** Take off! The crew is prepared for take-off and are sitting comfortably, but nervously in their seats.

**LOUISE (to JAY):** Why do they need such large rockets for take-off... airplanes go into the air and they don't need such enormous rockets?

**JAY:** Well, airplanes don't need to break free from the Earth's gravity! It takes a lot of power to get through the atmosphere and into outer space! Well are we ready now?

**LOUISE:** 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1... BLAST OFF!!!!

**(Actors are sitting, pretending to be affected by the gravitational pull).**

**ZOE (looking like she wants to be sick):** Oh I'm so excited, but I feel a bit sick!

**JAMIE:** Not in here! There's no gravity and we'll have sick everywhere floating around us!

**AUSTIN:** Yuk!!!! Use the special gravitational sick bag. Quick!

**JAY:** After they had travelled 238,857 miles, they finally reached their destination, the moon.

**JAMIE:** Look at it... it's huge!

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**AUSTIN:** Actually, it has a diameter of 2,610 miles at the equator.

**ZOE:** OK, we know you're a brain-box, but there's no need to rub it in.

**JAMIE:** It's amazing to think that the moon has no light of its own, but only reflects the sun's light.

**ZOE:** Oh no! Not another one! Well brain-boxes, what causes the craters then?

**AUSTIN:** That's what we're here to find out.

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### **SCENE THREE**

**LOUISE:** Once they landed on the moon, they began a thorough search around.

**JAMIE:** Ooohhh look! There's Neil Armstrong's footprint from the first moon landing in 1969.

**ZOE:** Duh... yeah right... a footprint that's still here after (counts on her fingers) uh... 32 years. How could it be here so long?

**AUSTIN:** Because...

**(All the aliens jump out from hiding.)**

**BEEZLEBUG (alien voice):** Because there is no rain or wind, you know, atmosphere on the moon.

**SATURNIUS (alien voice):** So, no atmosphere, nothing to disturb the footprints... Do you understand human person?

**AUSTIN (in a shaky voice):** Yes, yes, but... who are you?

**MERCURIAN (alien voice):** We're on a five-year mission to boldly go where no alien has gone before...

**(All human look at each other and shake their heads.)**

**JAY:** Just at that moment, a huge meteorite crashes several miles behind them.

**(Everyone jumps and looks around.)**

**ZOE (very frightened):** What was that?

**BEEZLEBUG (alien voice):** Don't be frightened. It's just a meteorite landing on the surface of the moon.

**SATURNIUS (alien voice):** And when a meteorite lands on a surface like this, it leaves behind a rather large, round hole. You can see them all around here...

**AUSTIN:** What, you mean meteorites falling from space cause all these circular dips in the ground?

**MERCURIAN (alien voice):** Well, not all of them. Some may have been made by EXPLOSIVE volcanic activity.

**ZOE:** Well, that explains how craters are formed. Thanks. Now we'd better be getting back to our ship before our suit air runs out!

**JAMIE:** Thanks. It's been uh... great to meet you.

**BEEZLEBUG (alien voice):** Our pleasure, human person.

**(The aliens turn and move away in giant leaps.)**

**AUSTIN:** Wow! That's one small step for an alien...

**ZOE:** ...but it would be a giant leap for mankind!

**JAMIE:** Hmmmm... familiar... Well, let's go.

**(They move off and leap easily about.)**

**AUSTIN:** Why is it so easy to jump on the moon?

**ZOE:** Ah ha! I know this one, it's because the moon has only 1/6th of the gravity of the Earth!

**JAMIE & AUSTIN (together):** Ooooo... who's a brain-box now?

**LOUISE:** They reach their spaceship and prepare to take-off from the surface of the moon.

**JAMIE:** Houston, we have a problem. No, just joking, we're ready to take off.

**JAY:** 10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1... BLAST OFF!!!!

**ZOE:** That was brilliant!

**AUSTIN:** But I bet no one will believe us about the aliens!

**LOUISE:** And they were right...

**JAY:** No one did!