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A book to share

Read slowly. Point to the pictures. Leave time for little questions and big ideas.

Zeno is a fictional child who dresses up to tell this story. He is not a portrait of Neil Armstrong.

This is a first introduction to a real life. The drawings are imaginative dress-up scenes. The ending invites you to play.

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Meet the real person

Neil Armstrong loved flying. He grew up to be a pilot, an engineer and an astronaut. In 1969, he became the first person to step onto the Moon. A huge team helped him get there.

Come along with Zeno!

Turn the page. Let’s discover the story together.



A boy looked to the sky.
He watched the planes fly by.

He wondered, day and night,
What helped a
wing take flight?



He made small
planes for play.
And watched
them glide away.

He tried and tried some more.
There was so
much to explore.



He learned to fly and steer.
He practised, year by year.

With skill and care he grew.
And found more things to do.



He trained for trips to space.
A new and different place.

He checked his suit and gear.
The trip was drawing near.



No one could go alone.
A team planned
the way home.

They checked each little part.
Before the trip could start.



A rocket rose into the blue.
And three men upward flew.

Away from Earth they sped.
The Moon lay just ahead.



A lander reached the Moon.
There'd be new
footprints soon.

Grey rocks and Moon dust lay.
So far from home that day.



One foot on dusty ground.
Grey rocks lay all around.

A first step, small and new.
And Earth shone
bright and blue.



They worked upon the Moon.
Then all came
home quite soon.

With rocks they
could explore.
To learn a little more.



Each big trip starts out small.
A question starts it all.

With friends and things to do,
What step comes
next for you?



Look again

Find the footprint.
Find our blue Earth.
Which one is near?
Which one is far?



Have a go

Ask a grown-up to help
fold a paper plane.
Try a gentle glide.
What could you change?



Tell the story

Who helped with the trip?
Think back to the team.
What can you make
with a friend today?



A little wonder

The Moon has no air
for people to breathe.
Space suits carry air.
What would you pack?

A little note for grown-ups

Neil Armstrong lived from 1930 to 2012.

He became the first person to walk on the Moon on 20 July 1969.

Buzz Aldrin walked there too. Michael Collins flew the spacecraft that orbited the Moon.

This short biography simplifies a longer life. Zeno's play, friends and props illustrate ideas; they do not reconstruct particular childhood events.

Explore the story further

NASA: Neil Armstrong

NASA StarChild: Armstrong

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