

Space race

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Moon landing deniers

30 minutes

Individual and pair work

Introduction

The first moon landing was in 1969 and it was a sensation in those days. Very soon some people started to doubt that the moon landing really took place. They said it was a hoax and that a lot of things proved that it was filmed on Earth.

The first exercise is about an article from the *Guardian* about the first person who raised doubts about the moon landing. In the second exercise you will watch a video in which a lot of these conspiracies are debunked.

The final task is to watch a short video and make questions yourself, in a similar way as in exercise A and B. You can work together with a classmate.



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Exploration

A

Work on your own. Go to <https://www.theguardian.com/science/2019/jul/10/one-giant-lie-why-so-many-people-still-think-the-moon-landings-were-faked>. Answer the questions.

1	Who was Bill Kaysing?
2	What was the name of his pamphlet?
3	In what year did he publish his pamphlet?
4	What is one of the main pieces of evidence, apart from rocks, to prove that the mission took place?
5	What does Roger Launius say about the conspiracies?
6	What age group in Britain believes the most in hoax theories?
7	Which three arguments of Kaysing's are mentioned?
8	Why did Kaysing until his death in 2005 maintain that the whole thing was a fraud?
9	Who was the president who said America should go to the Moon?
10	Who were heading the space race at that time?

B

Go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aPQWGow2YzE>. Watch the video once as a whole. Then watch again and answer the questions.

1	How many people worked on the Apollo programme?
2	What was the goal of the Americans?
3	Why did a lot of people distrust the government in America?
4	What was the first thing the conspiracy theorists said?
5	What was the second point?
6	What about the third point?

7	And what was the final point?
8	How are the last three points debunked?

Final task

Work together with a classmate.

Go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U2dcjFCvnmU+%E2%80%93+China+2019> and watch the video once. The video is about the Chinese moon landing in 2019 and the way the Chinese want to beat the Americans.

Your task now is to make questions, just as in the previous exercises. You must also formulate the answers to these questions. To help you, you can activate subtitles in YouTube so that it is easier to follow what is said. You must make at least eight questions.

Tip: You are not allowed to make yes/no questions (questions that can be answered with *yes* or *no*); make sure you start your question with a word such as: *who*, *what*, *which*, *how*, *why*. If you have time, you could ask another pair to answer your questions.