



The Moon

What people have seen in the Moon

Rabbit standing near a pot



Rabbit facing left



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The man in the Moon

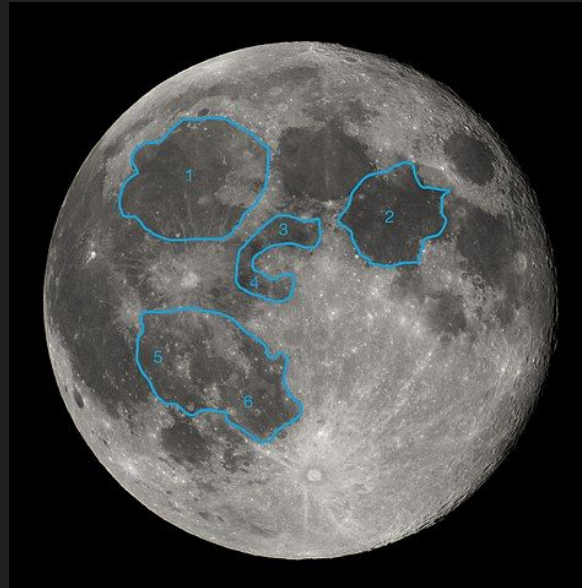


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Did you know that the poem Jack and Jill is about the Moon's phases?

That story and a few more are available here:

<https://nightsky.jpl.nasa.gov/docs/MoonStoriesASP2019.pdf>

Getting to the Moon

There have been more than 50 successful Moon missions. Almost as many were not successful!

Powerful rockets propel spacecraft to the Moon - almost 400,000 km.

It takes about 3 days to make the trip.

Check this list of Moon missions from the Planetary Society:

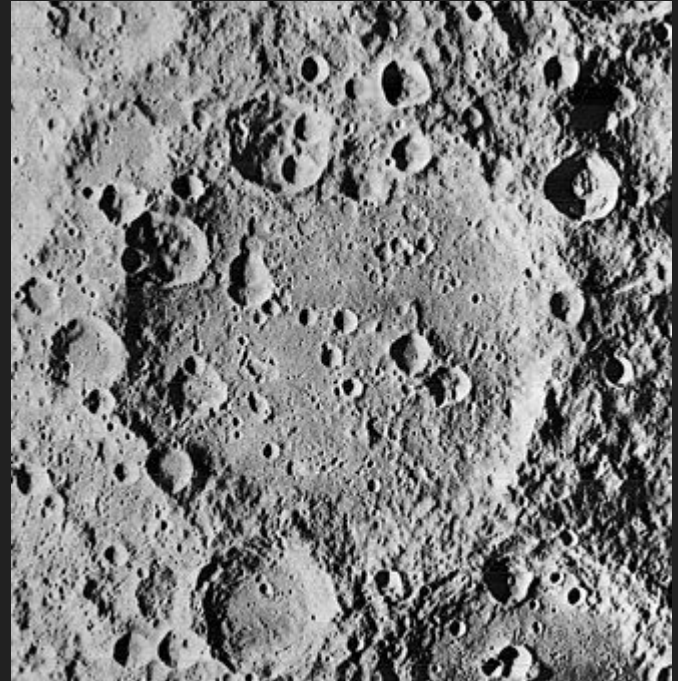
<https://www.planetary.org/space-missions/every-moon-mission>



What is the Moon made of?

The same minerals as the Earth's crust.

Erosion happens when the surface is hit by meteoroids from space. These impacts can leave craters.



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Large craters flooded with dark lava-like rock called basalt are the “seas” and “lakes” we see from Earth.

The Man in the Moon’s eyes are two of these ancient craters.



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The Moon's surface is the same colour as the asphalt on a paved road.

In this photo, can you see the boot prints left by the Apollo astronauts?

