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⇒ COMPREHENSION CHECK ⇐

- On July 16, 1969, thousands of people were at Cape Kennedy to
 - A. witness the splashdown of *Apollo 11*'s command module.
 - B. hear President John F. Kennedy make a speech.
 - C. watch Neil Armstrong take his first step on the moon.
 - D. see the liftoff of *Apollo 11*.
- In 1961 President John F. Kennedy pledged that the United States would land a man on the moon before the end of the decade. How long is a *decade*?
 - A. 10 years
 - B. 100 years
 - C. 1 year
 - D. 50 years
- In paragraph one, the feat of landing astronauts on the moon and returning them safely to Earth is described as being unprecedented. *Unprecedented* means
 - A. very amusing to do.
 - B. very easy to do.
 - C. never been done before.
 - D. against the law.
- What was Michael Collins's job on the *Apollo 11* mission?
 - A. He was the command module pilot.
 - B. He was the lunar module pilot.
 - C. He was in charge of Mission Control in Houston, Texas.
 - D. He was the *Apollo 11* mission commander.
- The Sea of Tranquility is
 - A. a large body of water on the moon.
 - B. the place where *Apollo 11* splashed down when it returned from the moon.
 - C. a dusty plain on the surface of the moon.
 - D. the name of the three-stage rocket that powered the spacecraft on liftoff.
- On which day of its mission did the *Apollo 11* spacecraft begin to orbit around the moon?
 - A. the fifth day
 - B. the fourth day
 - C. the first day
 - D. the sixth day
- Which of these statements about the *Apollo 11* mission is NOT true?
 - A. Aldrin was the second human to step onto the surface of the moon.
 - B. *Eagle* had to separate from *Columbia* before it could begin its trip down to the moon.
 - C. Armstrong radioed Mission Control on July 20 to report that the *Eagle* had landed.
 - D. To avoid landing on boulders, Armstrong switched *Eagle* to computer control.
- The *Apollo 11* command module is now at the Smithsonian's National Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C. It is shaped like a
 - A. cylinder.
 - B. cube.
 - C. cone.
 - D. sphere.

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