

Reading Part 1

Read the text and the statements. Some of these statements are true according to the text; some of them are false. Choose the correct answer True (T) or False (F) for each statement.

MAN ON THE MOON

This was no ordinary July evening. On any other July evening the park near my house would be bustling with activity. Children playing, mothers pushing prams ... Anyone not on the beach on such a warm day would most definitely be there.

But on this particular July evening, nearly 40 years ago, something seemed amiss. The streets were empty. As were the beach and the park. Everyone was in their homes, glued, it would seem, in front of their television sets. Transfixed. Waiting for something great to happen.

I was there too of course. Almost too young to remember. And I probably wouldn't remember the event itself had it not been shown over and over again for many years to come, being etched as it were in our memory. But what I could never forget is the atmosphere, the sense that something great was about to take place. It was there on the faces of the grown-ups. In the way everyone sat quietly in anticipation.

And then, there it was. A fuzzy image of a strange vehicle landing on a dry surface. Out came two men dressed in strange white suits and walking in a very peculiar way. And that was it. July 16, 1969 Apollo 11 became the first manned mission to land on the moon.

Ever since it has been disputed many times over. Many have said that it was all filmed in a studio. That it was the hoax of the century. Maybe they are right and maybe they are not. Maybe it was all make-believe. But what was not fake was the feeling of hope it put in our hearts. If we could walk on the moon then the sky was the limit. What could possibly be out of bounds for us from now on? And then, just for the briefest of moments we sat awe-stricken as we knew that we were watching history being made.

1. People would spend the warm afternoons in the park.
2. People were waiting to see their favourite TV show.
3. The event has been broadcast many times since then.
4. The atmosphere was light and festive.
5. The people shown on TV acted strangely.
