Words to Know

Read each Context Card.
Choose two blue words.
Use them in sentences.

1. think
What do you think space is like?

2. bring
Spaceships can bring astronauts to space.

WORDS TO KNOW
HIGH-FREQUENCY WORDS
think
bring
before
light
because
carry
show
around
before
Astronauts practice flying before their trip.

light
People feel very light floating in space.

because
Astronauts like to jump because it is fun!

carry
Astronauts carry tools to work with.

show
Pictures show us what the Moon is like.

around
You can see clouds all around Earth.
Background

WORDS TO KNOW

Astronauts Astronauts are people who travel around space. They feel light there. Before they go, they think about what to bring. Sometimes they carry special cameras because they want to show people at home what space is like.

Things in Space

- astronaut
- space station
- planet
- Moon
- Sun
Comprehension

TARGET SKILL  Main Idea and Details

Good readers think about the topic when they read. They look for the main idea, or most important idea, about the topic. Then they think about the details, or facts, that tell more about the main idea.

As you read Let’s Go to the Moon!, name the topic. Then look for details that tell more about the main idea. Use a web like this one to tell about the main idea.
Meet the Author

Stephen R. Swinburne

Steve Swinburne has never been to the Moon, but he loves to travel and explore new places here on Earth. His trips have brought him close to bears, bobcats, and wolves! He has written many books about the things he has seen.
Let's Go to the Moon!

written by Stephen R. Swinburne

Essential Question
What is important to know about the Moon?
Blast Off!

Would you like to fly to the Moon? Let's go!
10, 9, 8, 7, 6, 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 . . . BLAST OFF!
It can take four days to get to the Moon. A rocket helps us blast into space. We ride in the space ship at the top of the rocket.
The surface of the Moon is
dusty and has many craters.

There are no plants or animals on the Moon. There is no water or air. The Moon has rocks, dust, and craters. A crater is a big hole.
Space Suits

This is astronaut Ronald Evans wearing his space suit.

It’s time to put on our space suits. Space suits help keep our skin safe from the very hot sun and the very cold shade.
The space suits have air in them so we can breathe. Now we are dressed for our walk on the Moon.
Moon Walk

Walking on the Moon is fun. We can take big, light steps.
We are very light because the Moon has less gravity than Earth.
We carry space tools with us. We have jobs to do here.
Moon Rocks

We find rocks and bits of dust to bring back home. We will show the rocks to people back on Earth.
We drive **around** in our lunar rover. It's even more fun than walking in our fat space suits. Look at all the dust the lunar rover kicks up!
STOP AND THINK

Main Idea and Details

What did you learn about the lunar rover?
Taking Pictures

We take pictures of our footprints.
We take a picture of our space ship, too.
Our flag is up!
Let's take one last look before we go. We see rocks and dust.
Let's Go Home

It's time to go back home.
What is it like to be on the Moon?
It’s strange and fun at the same time.
When you look up and see the Moon, what do you think? Our Moon is beautiful!
Grammar

**Questions** A sentence that asks something is called a **question**. A question always begins with a capital letter and ends with a question mark.

*What is it like on the Moon?*
*Are there any mountains?*
*Do plants and animals live there?*
Try This!

Write each question correctly. Use another sheet of paper.

1. what do astronauts do on the Moon
2. do they wear space suits
3. can they jump really far
4. does their buggy go fast
5. why do they take pictures

Grammar in Writing

When you revise your writing, try using some questions.