

Name _____

Family Times

Summary

"Moonwalk"

While daring each other to jump over rilles, or narrow valleys on the moon, Gerry and Vern get into trouble. Vern falls, not only hurting his knee, but also knocking the battery loose that supplies him with air. This gives him air to breathe in his spacesuit. Luckily, the boys are able to get to a nearby shelter where Vern is out of danger.

Activity

A Day on the Moon Together, talk about what a day on a space station on the moon would be like. What would you like to do and see? What would be dangerous? What things would be the same? What things would be different?



Comprehension Skill

Draw Conclusions

You can **draw conclusions** by forming an opinion or idea, based on what you already know combined with the facts and details in a text. **Facts** and **details** are the small pieces of information in an article or story. Facts and details "add up" to a conclusion. Conclusions you draw, based on your reading, must make logical sense, according to the facts and details.

Activity

Draw a Conclusion With a family member, look through a magazine that has several pictures of people. Each of you should choose one interesting photo and write a conclusion about the person in the photo, based on the details you can see, such as what he or she is doing. For example, if someone is riding a bicycle in the woods, your conclusion might be "likes exercise and the outdoors." Exchange conclusions and talk about whether you agree or disagree with the logic and why.

Lesson Vocabulary

Words to Know

Knowing the meanings of these words is important to reading "Moonwalk." Practice using these words.

Vocabulary Words

loomed appeared dimly or vaguely as a large, threatening shape

rille a long, narrow valley on the surface of the moon

runt animal, person, or plant that is smaller than the usual size. If used about a person, *runt* is sometimes considered offensive.

staggered moved or walked unsteadily; wavered

summoning stirring to action; rousing

taunted jeered at; mocked; reproached

trench any ditch; deep furrow

trudged walked wearily or with effort

Conventions

Prepositions and Prepositional Phrases

A **preposition** is a word that shows a relationship between a noun and another word, such as a verb, adjective, or other noun. Prepositions are often used to relate one word to another in space or in time. *For example: during, to, under, across.* A preposition is also the first word in a group of words called a **prepositional phrase**. *For example: out of the box, across the street, for a week.* To avoid confusion, keep prepositional phrases close to the words they modify. The meaning of a sentence can change if the modifier is misplaced.

Activity

Preposition Letters Together with a family member, write a letter to someone using as many prepositional phrases as you can. The letter can be serious or silly. Underline the prepositional phrases.

Practice Tested Spelling Words
