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## Read Together Quick Questions



1. Write another word for **spacecraft**.

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2. What is the first fact that we learn in the text?

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3. What is the name of Valentina Tereshkova's spacecraft? Tick one.

- Vostok 1
- Apollo 11
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## Answers



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**Pupils' own responses, such as: rocket; spaceship.**



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**The first fact that we learn is that Yuri Gagarin was the first person to go into space.**



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4. How do you think it felt to be the first person to step onto the Moon?  
**Pupils' own responses, such as: I think it felt exciting to be the first person to step onto the Moon.**