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SHEPARD



NEIL
ARMSTRONG

EDWIN
ALDRIN

2. Who was the first American to orbit the Earth?

SALLY
RIDE



ALAN
SHEPARD

JOHN
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3. What is the name of the first American woman in space?

PEGGY
WHITSON

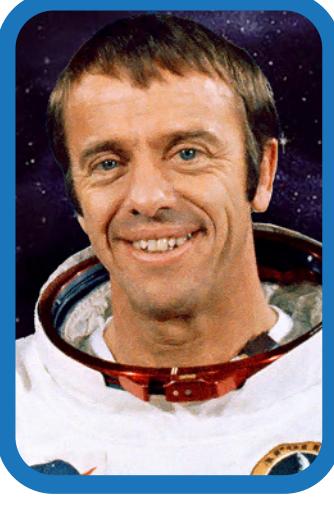


ALAN
SHEPARD

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4. Who was the first American in space?



NEIL
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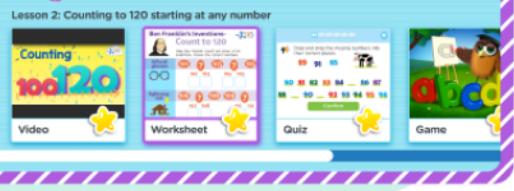
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