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Text:	<p>On this day in 1961, Ham, a chimpanzee, became the first primate in space when he flew 158 miles up in a journey that lasted 16 minutes.</p> <p>Ham was born in Cameroon in 1957 before being captured and transported to the US, where he was chosen from 40 chimps to be monitored for the effects of space travel.</p> <p>He returned safely, apart from a bruised nose, then went into retirement at Washington Zoo. He died aged 25 in 1983, but was long outlived by another astro-chimpanzee, Minnie, who reached the age of 41!</p> <p>By chance this month has also seen a Blue Moon, which is the common term used when there are two full moons in a one month period. They occur on average every 2.7 years..</p> <p>It can also be used to describe the third full moon of four in a season, which is an unusual occurrence, too.</p>
Discussion:	Would you like to travel into space? And, if so, for what reason?
Words and usage:	<p>Primate</p> <p>The word 'Primate' means first rank and refers to mammals that include lemurs, lorises, tarsiers, monkeys, apes, and humans. The order of Primates has 300 or more species.</p> <p>Mammals are different from other groups in that they have a neocortex (a region of the brain), hair, three middle ear bones, and mammary glands.</p>
Resources:	<p>https://translate.weblio.jp</p> <p>Oxford Dictionaries. http://www.oxfordlearnersdictionaries.com</p> <p>The British Council website. https://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org</p>
Practice idea:	What about a travel adventure you have had? Detail events that happened day by day. For example, 'Day One -'
Listening link:	<p>Ham and the Blue Moon - audio</p> 
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