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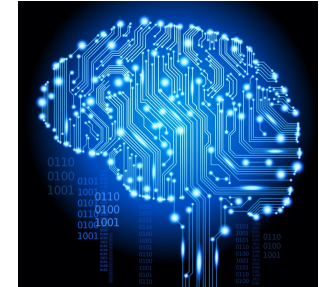
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## On this day in...

1972, America's latest moon mission was launched; Apollo 17 blasted off from Cape Canaveral Florida at 12:33 a.m. It landed on the moon on December 11th at 3:15 p.m. A current smart phone could be used to guide 120,000,000 Apollo era spacecraft to the moon, all at the same time!

## Did you know...

A computer as powerful as the human brain would be able to perform 38,000 trillion operations per second. This machine would be able to hold more than 3580 terabytes of memory!



## Go explore...

When was the first ever SMS (short message service) mobile phone text message sent? Who sent it and what did it say?



## Picture this...



The Blue Marble: the famous image taken by Apollo 17 of the earth in all its isolated glory.

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