Neil Armstrong (1930-2012)

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This is a summary paragraph about the main achievement of legendary astronaut, and first man to step on the moon, Neil Armstrong. But the author has made a big mistake! They have really overuse the name ‘Neil Armstrong’ throughout the piece. Can you please help them to improve this writing by using the vocabulary choices below to give the writing more variety?

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After serving… This ground-breaking…

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That’s much better!