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American astronaut who walked on the Moon and spent two months in space aboard the *Skylab* space station. Bean served in supporting roles on three Gemini missions and one Apollo mission before becoming the fourth person to walk on the Moon during the *Apollo 12* mission in November 1969. In 1973, as commander of the second crew to work aboard *Skylab,* he over-saw scientific experiments and crucial repairs to the station.