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American astronaut who was the sixth person to walk on the Moon. An expert on the Apollo lunar module, Mitchell played supporting roles on the *Apollo 9* and *10* missions before going to the Moon as lunar module pilot for *Apollo 14* in February 1971. He spent a total of nine hours on the lunar surface, helping to carry out the most ambitious scientific program yet attempted on an Apollo mission.