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UAE's historic mission to Mars under way

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Please try Levels 5 and 6. They are (a little) harder.

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THE READING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200722-uae-mars-mission-4.html>

The UAE space agency launched a historic mission to Mars. Its Hope probe went into space on a 500-million-km journey to study the climate on Mars. Hope should arrive in Mars' orbit in February 2021. This coincides with the UAE's 50th anniversary. The Emirates Mars Mission will stay in the Martian orbit for 687 days. It will collect samples of the Martian atmosphere. Scientists hope this will help us understand how Mars lost a lot of its air and water.

The UAE joined the ranks of space giants such as the USA and Russia. Entering the field of space exploration proves how ambitious the UAE is. A newspaper explained how momentous the Hope probe is. It wrote: "The UAE has catapulted itself...into the future - a future of insight and intelligence, beyond mere imagination. For more than 400 million Arabs in the world...[the launch] was a moment that [was like] an eternity."

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-53394737>
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PHRASE MATCHING

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PARAGRAPH ONE:

- | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. The UAE space agency launched | a. Martian atmosphere |
| 2. went into space on a | b. 50th anniversary |
| 3. study the climate | c. understand |
| 4. This coincides with the UAE's | d. on Mars |
| 5. stay in the Martian orbit | e. 500-million-km journey |
| 6. It will collect samples of the | f. of its air and water |
| 7. Scientists hope this will help us | g. for 687 days |
| 8. how Mars lost a lot | h. a historic mission |

PARAGRAPH TWO:

- | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. The UAE joined the ranks | a. an eternity |
| 2. the field of space | b. into the future |
| 3. proves how ambitious | c. exploration |
| 4. The UAE has catapulted itself | d. Arabs in the world |
| 5. a future of insight | e. of space giants |
| 6. beyond mere | f. and intelligence |
| 7. more than 400 million | g. imagination |
| 8. a moment that was like | h. the UAE is |

LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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The UAE joined (7) _____ space giants such as the USA and Russia. (8) _____ of space exploration (9) _____ the UAE is. A newspaper explained how momentous the Hope probe is. It wrote: "The UAE has catapulted itself...into the future - a (10) _____ and intelligence, (11) _____. For more than 400 million Arabs in the world...[the launch] was a moment that was (12) _____."

PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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MARS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Mars in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

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WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) _____

b) _____

c) _____

d) _____

e) _____

f) _____

WRITING

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Write about **Mars** for 10 minutes. Read and talk about your partner's paper.
