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READING: Space X Wants to Send You to Mars!

Vocabulary Preview

- Match the words on the left with the meanings on the right.

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|------------------|----------|---|
| 1. possibility | <u>E</u> | A. to make |
| 2. billionaire | _____ | B. to say something publicly to many people |
| 3. announce (v.) | _____ | C. the national space agency of the USA |
| 4. CEO | _____ | D. not too expensive; able to be bought |
| 5. create (v.) | _____ | E. something that may be true |
| 6. technology | _____ | F. computers and rockets, for example |
| 7. affordable | _____ | G. a person who has one billion (1,000,000,000) dollars |
| 8. NASA | _____ | H. the Chief Executive Officer (leader) of a company |

- Use the above words to complete the sentences. Use plural forms and past tense when necessary.

1. My uncle is very rich! He's a billionaire.
2. There is a _____ of rain later in the day. Maybe it will rain.
3. Who is the _____ of McDonald's?
4. That car costs too much. It's not _____.
5. _____ astronauts first landed on the moon in 1969.
6. Artists and inventors like to make, or _____, new things.
7. Do you think the government will _____ a new holiday?
8. Nowadays, _____ (like computers) changes very quickly.

- Choose any two of the above words and write your own sentences.

1. _____
2. _____

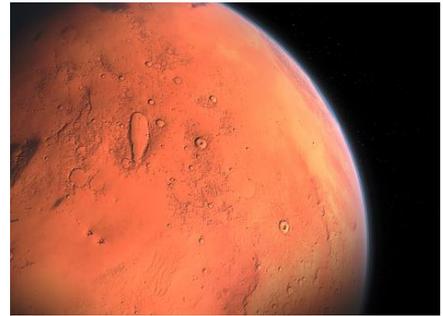
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Topics: Space / Science & Technology

Space X Wants to Send You to Mars!



For several years, many people have talked about the **possibility**¹ of flying to Mars. One of the problems with such a trip, however, has been the cost: US 10 billion dollars (US\$10,000,000,000) to send one person to the red planet. Elon Musk, a **billionaire**² businessman, recently **announced**³ his plans to change this. He is the **CEO**⁴ of *Space X*, a company that he **created**⁵, and he hopes to change the world by selling tickets to Mars for only US\$200,000. How can he do this? The answer is **technology**⁶. With new technology, he believes, his company will be able to make the long trip to Mars **affordable**⁷. He plans to send the first human to Mars by 2025, and after that his company wants to send one million people to Mars in the next 40 to 100 years. To do this, Space X needs to build about 1,000 space ships. Will his company be successful? “I think he will be able to put humans on Mars because he wants to do it,” says Robert Zubrin, the president of the *Mars Society*. “Right now **NASA**⁸ can’t do it because they don’t want to.”

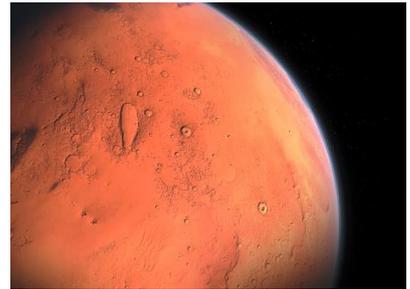
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Grammar Practice

Space X Wants to Send You to Mars!



- **Complete the paragraph by circling the correct words.**

For several years, many people have (1)_____ about the possibility of flying to Mars. One of the problems with such a trip, however, has (2)_____ the cost: US 10 billion dollars (US\$10,000,000,000) to (3)_____ one person to the red planet. Elon Musk, a billionaire businessman, recently announced his plans to change (4)_____. He is the CEO of *Space X*, a company that he created, and he (5)_____ to change the world by selling tickets to Mars for only US\$200,000. (6)_____ can he do this? The answer is technology. With new technology, he believes, his company will (7)_____ to make the long trip to Mars affordable. He plans to send the first human to Mars (8)_____ 2025, and after that his company wants to send one million people to Mars in the next 40 (9)_____ 100 years. To do this, *Space X* needs to (10)_____ about 1,000 space ships. (11)_____ his company be successful? "I think he will be able to put humans on Mars because he wants to do it," says Robert Zubrin, the president of the *Mars Society*. "Right now NASA can't do it because they (12)_____ want to."

1.

- (A) talk
- (B) talked
- (C) talks

2.

- (A) being
- (B) be
- (C) been

3.

- (A) sending
- (B) sent
- (C) send

4.

- (A) this
- (B) those
- (C) these

5.

- (A) hope
- (B) hopes
- (C) hoping

6.

- (A) What
- (B) How
- (C) Who

7.

- (A) be able
- (B) able
- (C) ability

8.

- (A) by
- (B) on
- (C) to

9.

- (A) to
- (B) at
- (C) by

10.

- (A) built
- (B) building
- (C) build

11.

- (A) Does
- (B) Is
- (C) Will

12.

- (A) aren't
- (B) don't
- (C) weren't

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How Much Do You Understand?

- *According to the article, write 'T' (True) or 'F' (False) next to each statement.*

1. _____ People have already been traveling to Mars for several years.
2. _____ It costs a lot of money, now, to send people to Mars.
3. _____ Elon Musk bought *Space X* for only US\$200,000.
4. _____ *Space X* wants to send the first person to Mars within the next 10 years.
5. _____ *Space X* wants to send people to Mars who are between 40 and 100 years old.
6. _____ NASA doesn't seem very interested in sending people to Mars.

Discuss

- *Discuss the following questions with your classmates.*

1. Do you think Space X will be really able to send a million people to Mars?
Why? / Why not?
2. Why would some people like to travel to and live on Mars?
3. Would you like live on Mars? Why? / Why not?

Write

- *Choose one of the above discussion questions. Write a short paragraph to answer it.*

Lesson "Space X Wants to Send You to Mars!"

Grammar Focus Mixed (includes Future: 'Will' and Present Perfect)

Vocabulary 191 words
A1 words-61% / **A2** words-14% / **B1** words-6%
AWL words in this text: *technology*
 Vocabulary Analysis by: vocabkitchen.com

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My Notes



● **Vocabulary Preview**

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|------|----------------|
| 1. E | 1. billionaire |
| 2. G | 2. possibility |
| 3. B | 3. CEO |
| 4. H | 4. affordable |
| 5. A | 5. NASA |
| 6. F | 6. create |
| 7. D | 7. announce |
| 8. C | 8. technology |

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ANSWER KEY Page 4

● **Grammar (Article)**

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|------|-------|
| 1. B | 7. A |
| 2. C | 8. A |
| 3. C | 9. A |
| 4. A | 10. C |
| 5. B | 11. C |
| 6. B | 12. B |

● **How Much Do You Understand?**

1. F (*The first person to Mars might arrive by 2025.*)
2. T
3. F (*Elon Musk created Space X.*)
4. T
5. F (*40 to 100 years after the first person arrives.*)
6. T

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