

The Primary Stage of Grades (4-5) School Year 2022- 2023

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Subject: English Language
Revision Sheet #2

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Class: Grade 4 National (All sections)

Objectives:

- To read a text and answer comprehension questions.
- To practise some grammatical concepts covered.

Comprehension

Read the following text and answer the questions:

Mars: The Red Planet

Mars is the fourth planet from the Sun and is the second smallest planet in our solar system. Mars is sometimes called 'the Red Planet' because of its colour. The atmosphere on Mars does not have enough oxygen for us to breathe.

Did You Know...?

- Mars was named after the Roman god of war. The month of March is also named after him.
- A Mars day is called a 'sol'.



A "true colour" photograph of Mars taken by the OSIRIS instrument on the European Space Agency (ESA) Rosetta spacecraft in February 2007.

Missions to Mars

It is important to launch a mission to Mars at the right time because Earth and Mars are always moving. Sometimes, Mars is closer to Earth than at other times. Choosing the shortest distance is a good idea because the journey will need less fuel.

Why Mars?

Mars is the safest planet to travel to because:

- its soil contains a little water;
- it gets enough sunlight to use solar power;
- there is some gravity to help us to walk;
- a day on Mars is almost the same length as

on Earth.

Mars Quick Facts	
Size:	6779km
Moons:	2
Length of year:	687 days
Length of day:	24 hours 37 minutes
Temperature:	between -153°C and 20°C
Atmosphere:	95% carbon dioxide

Humans want to find out if there might be life on other planets and scientists believe that Mars is the best planet for life, apart from Earth.

The Mars Rover

The Curiosity rover is a robotic car which is exploring the surface of Mars right now.

It was launched on 26th November 2011 and landed on 6th August 2012. The main goals of the rover are to:

- study the planet's climate and what it is made of;
- search for water;
- find out whether Mars could have ever supported

life.



A self-portrait taken by NASA's Curiosity rover.

1. Tick the correct response.

We cannot breathe on Mars because the atmosphere does not have enough:

- air
- carbon dioxide
- atmosphere
- oxygen

2. Find and copy the correct words to complete the sentence.

Mars is named after the Roman god of war.

3. Which of these are reasons why Mars is a good place to explore? Tick two.

- Mars gets enough sunlight to use solar power.
- A day on Mars is very short.
- There is no gravity on Mars.
- There is a little water in the soil on Mars.

4. Tick the correct response.

The Curiosity rover was launched on:

- 26th November 2011
- 28th November 2011
- 6th August 2012
- 16th August 2012

5. How many moons does Mars have?

Mars has two moons.

6. What is a day called on Mars and how long is it?

A day on Mars is called a 'sol' and it is 24 hours and 37 minutes long.

7. What is the Curiosity rover trying to find out?

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- search for water;
- find out whether Mars could have ever supported life.

8. Which genre do you think the text is? Tick (✓) the correct answer.

Fiction

Non-Fiction

9. Mention two features of the genre you have chosen.

It is real and based on facts.

Tells the reader information.

10. The underlined word "distance" means. Tick one.

length

height

warmth

Vocabulary

1. Fill in the blanks with the correct word from the box.

astronomer gravity matter unique surface diameter

1. The sun has a **diameter** of about 1.3 million kilometers.
2. The sun is a **unique** star.
3. The **surface** of the Sun is a 300-mile-thick.
4. The sun's **gravity** is very strong.
5. The sun is full of **matter**.

Part Three: Grammar and Spelling:

1. Change the following sentences into questions.

1. It gets enough sunlight to use solar power.

Does it get enough sunlight to use solar power?

2. Humans want to find out if there might be life on other planets.

Do humans want to find out if there might be life on other planets?

2. Change the following sentences into negative.

1. The atmosphere on Mars has enough oxygen for us to breathe.

The atmosphere on Mars doesn't have enough oxygen for us to breathe.

2. Mars soil contains so much water.

Mars soil doesn't contain much water.

3. Match each future prediction with its result. Write the number in the box.

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| 1. My mom will be really happy with me | <input type="text" value="2"/> | I'll buy a new phone. |
| 2. If I have enough money, | <input type="text" value="1"/> | if I clean my room. |
| 3. I won't go to the park | <input type="text" value="4"/> | I'll get good grades. |
| 4. If I study hard, | <input type="text" value="3"/> | if it rains. |

4. Circle the correct answer.

- The flowers are chosen for their delicate _____.
(fragrant/ fragrance)
- The air was _____ with scents from the sea and the hills.
(fragrant/ fragrance)
- In the US, _____ is measured in miles.
(distance/ distant)
- The airport was about 20 kilometers _____.
(distance/ distant)
- He's _____ about modern technology.
(ignorance/ ignorant)
- Children often behave badly out of _____. (ignorance/ ignorant)