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Space X Wants to Send You to Mars

Vocabulary Practice



- 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 |
| 3. announce (v.) | _____ | C. the national space agency of the USA |
| 4. create (v.) | _____ | D. not too expensive; able to be bought |
| 5. technology | _____ | E. something that may be true |
| 6. CEO | _____ | 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.
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, _____ changes very quickly.

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

1. _____
2. _____

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Grammar in the News

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- **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.**

Headline 'Space X Wants to Send You to Mars'

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

Level Intermediate to Upper Intermediate – CEFR B1 to B2

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My Notes



● **Vocabulary**

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

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ANSWER KEY Page 3

● **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 (*It wants to send people to Mars 40 to 100 years after the first person arrives.*)
6. T

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