BRITISH COUNCIL

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Listening: B1

A student discussion

Listen to two students comparing Mars and Earth to practise and improve your listening skills.

Before listening

Do the preparation task first. Then listen to the audio and do the exercises.

Tasks

Task 1

Write the characteristics in the correct group.

Has more air	Is closer to the Sun	Is colder	Has stronger gravity
Is 50 per cent smaller	Has more nitrogen and oxygen than carbon dioxide	Used to have water	Has a longer day

Earth	Mars

Task 2

Complete the sentences with words from the box.

astronomical	nitrogen	frozen
support	Gravity	same

1. Most people think Mars can ..... human life.
2. We measure distances in space using ..... units.
3. The two planets aren't the ..... colour.
4. Most of the water on Mars is probably ..... .
5. The air on Earth is mostly made up of ..... .
6. ..... on Mars is just over one third as strong as on Earth.

Discussion

Do you think people will live on Mars one day?

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TASK 3

Complete the sentences with ONE word.

1. So you've got a few minutes to …….. with your partner.
2. The main …….. between Mars and Earth
3. It says here it's about minus 55 ……. most of the time
4. I …….. you could say both planets are a similar
5. No way! Mars is much …….. away!
6. …….. is, like, almost 780 million kilometres.
7. Earth is 1……. unit from the Sun and Mars is 1.3
8. It looks like the days on both planets are almost the same …….
9. It's just that most of the water there now is ……. frozen.
10. Most of Earth's air is …….. and oxygen, but Mars …?
11. Right, and it's mostly carbon …….

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