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# Elon Musk Wants to Send You to Mars!

## Vocabulary Preview

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

| | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **1.** possibility | E | **A.** | to continue to live or exist |
| **2.** billionaire | ____ | **B.** | to say something publicly to many people |
| **3.** announce | ____ | **C.** | people in general |
| **4.** CEO | ____ | **D.** | not too expensive; able to be bought |
| **5.** technology | ____ | **E.** | something that may be true |
| **6.** affordable | ____ | **F.** | computers and rockets, for example |
| **7.** humanity | ____ | **G.** | a person who has one billion (1,000,000,000) dollars |
| **8.** survive | ____ | **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! In fact, 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.** I wonder if _____ will ever find a way to live on other planets.

**6.** There is no air to breathe on Mars. How could people _____ there?

**7.** When will our boss _____ the changes to the company?

**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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## Grammar Practice

For several years, many people have **(1)**_____ about the real possibility of sending people 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)**_____ just one person to the red planet. However, in the early 2000s things began to change. That's when Elon Musk, a billionaire businessman, announced his plans to **(4)**_____ the cost of sending people to Mars. Musk is the CEO of *SpaceX*, 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 humans to Mars **(8)**_____ 2030, and after that his company wants to send one million people to Mars in the next 40 **(9)**_____ 100 years. To do this, *SpaceX* needs to **(10)**_____ about 1,000 spaceships. Why does Elon Musk want to do this? He wants to do this because he hopes people will build a city on Mars, a city that **(11)**_____ a second home for humans. Such a city on another planet should increase the chances that humanity will survive far into the future. What do you think about Elon Musk's plan to sell affordable tickets to Mars? Would you like to **(12)**_____ to Mars and live there?

**1.**
(A) talk
(B) talked
(C) talks

**2.**
(A) being
(B) be
(C) been

**3.**
(A) sending
(B) sent
(C) send

**4.**
(A) lower
(B) low
(C) lowly

**5.**
(A) hope
(B) hopes
(C) hoping

**6.**
(A) What
(B) How
(C) Who

**7.**
(A) be able
(B) able
(C) ability

**8.**
(A) before
(B) while
(C) when

**9.**
(A) to
(B) at
(C) by

**10.**
(A) built
(B) building
(C) build

**11.**
(A) be
(B) will
(C) will be

**12.**
(A) will travel
(B) travel
(C) traveling

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## How Much Do You Understand?

- ***Complete the statements.***

| | |
|---|---|
| **1.** For a long time, people have | **A.** to Mars for only $200,000. |
| **2.** The current cost to send just | **B.** a city on Mars in the next 40 to 100 years. |
| **3.** Elon Musk plans to sell tickets | **C.** spaceships to bring people to Mars. |
| **4.** SpaceX will build a thousand | **D.** to survive for a very long time. |
| **5.** One million people might live in | **E.** thought about traveling to Mars. |
| **6.** A city on Mars might help humanity | **F.** one person to Mars is about ten billion dollars. |

## Discuss

- ***Discuss the following questions with your classmates.***

1. Do you think many people will buy a ticket to Mars? Why? / Why not?
2. Would you like to travel to Mars and live there? Why? / Why not?
3. What might be a good name for the first city on Mars? Why?
4. What might an average day on Mars be like for the first people to live there? What jobs will people do? What will they eat? What will they do for fun?

## Write

- ***What are three good possible names for the first three cities on Mars? Write them in the spaces below.***

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

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**Writing Practice**




## A Message from Mars!

- ***Imagine that you are one of the first 100 people to land on Mars. Write a short message to your friends back on Earth to describe your first week on Mars.***

  Helpful Tip! Remember to use past tense grammar!

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