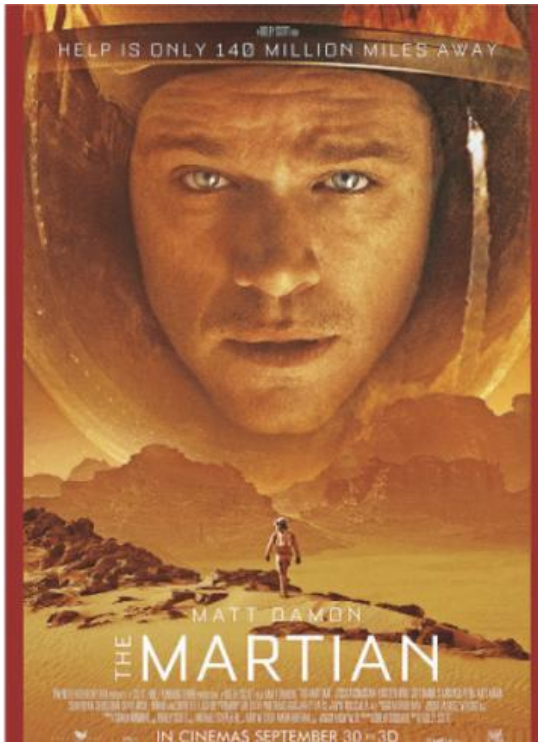

THE MARTIAN

Plot

The year is 2035. A team of astronauts is sent on a mission to Mars, but a storm forces them to abandon their mission and fly back to Earth. As they are preparing to leave, astronaut Mark Watney, played by Matt Damon, disappears. The team thinks he has been killed, so they leave without him. When NASA realizes he has survived, they organize a dangerous mission to save him before his supply of food, water, and oxygen runs out. Will he be rescued before it's too late?

NASA's involvement

Scientists at NASA worked closely with the director of *The Martian*, giving advice about the science behind space travel and the technology needed to survive on Mars. Jessica Chastain, who plays the commander of the Mars mission in the movie, spent time with astronaut Tracy Caldwell Dyson to learn more about life in space. Real missions to Mars are being planned for the 2040s, so NASA's advice was based on the latest research.

Interesting facts

- *The Martian* was directed by Ridley Scott, who has made other science-fiction movies, including *Alien* and *Blade Runner*.
- It was shot in Jordan because the desert is similar to the color of Mars.
- A few days before the movie was release[illegible]

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