

**Directions: Review the story about the Voyager space exploration. Answer the questions below in full sentences.**

### **The Voyager Space Journey**

In 1977, NASA sent two robotic spacecraft, Voyager 1 and Voyager 2, into space. Their goal was to explore areas no other human-made object had ever reached—the distant edges of our solar system and even farther.

Each spacecraft carries a unique item known as the “Golden Record.” This special record includes greetings in different languages, music, natural sounds from Earth, photographs, and details about our planet. It serves as a kind of space time capsule, designed to share information about humanity with any intelligent life that might discover it.

During their journey, Voyager 1 and Voyager 2 captured remarkable close-up images of the giant planets—Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune. Their photographs revealed spectacular rings, numerous moons, and fascinating atmospheric features. Today, Voyager 1 has traveled beyond the planets and is moving through interstellar space, the vast region between the stars in our galaxy.

The Voyager missions remind us that discovery has no boundaries. Space is filled with mysteries still waiting to be uncovered, and future explorations may lead to incredible new findings.

- 1. Based on the passage, what does the word “mission” mean?**
- 2. Which organization sent Voyager 1 and Voyager 2 into space?**
- 3. What overall idea or lesson about space exploration does the passage share?**
- 4. In what year did the Voyager probes begin their journey?**
- 5. What discoveries did Voyager make about the outer planets?**

6. What was the main goal of the Voyager spacecraft?
7. Why was the Golden Record placed on the spacecraft?
8. Name the planets that Voyager 1 and Voyager 2 photographed up close.
9. What is Voyager 1's current location?
10. Describe the "Golden Record." What does it include?