

VOCAB AND GRAMMAR REVIEW



Out of this world

1. Read the article and choose the correct words.

The search for life on Mars started seriously in 1976. In that year two NASA (North American Space Agency) spaceships, Viking 1 and Viking 2, flew **1 from/to** _____ Mars and landed on the planet. In 1997 NASA returned **2 to/from** _____ Mars and took over 20,000 photographs of the planet. In the same year ESA (European Space Agency) decided to send their first spaceship to Mars - Mars Express. A British space scientist, Dr Colin Pillinger, heard about the mission. He had an idea: he could build a robot to travel **3 by/to** _____ Mars inside ESA's spaceship. The robot could land on Mars and look for life on the planet. In 1998, ESA agreed **4 with/about** _____ Dr Pillinger's plan. Pillinger chose the name Beagle 2 for the robot, after Charles Darwin's 1831 ship, Beagle.

Beagle 2 needed **5 to/for** _____ send the Earth a signal when it landed. The signal tells scientists on Earth that the spaceship landed safely. Dr Pillinger asked a famous pop group, Blur, to write a song— the first pop concert on Mars! Dr Pillinger and his team spent \$60 million **6 for/on** _____ the robot. And on Christmas Day 2003 everyone was looking forward **7 on/to** _____ hearing Blur's song when the robot landed on Mars. The scientists waited ... and waited. But they didn't hear the song. They tried to contact the robot, but they never discovered the problem. And now they know they never will. Now Dr Pillinger is talking **8 about/to** _____ sending another robot to Mars in 2009. He has written to NASA because he wants the robot — called Beagle 3, of course — to travel inside a NASA spaceship. Good luck, Dr Pillinger!

2. Make sentences with these structures.

1. travel to (somewhere) by (transport)

2. go on a trip to (somewhere)

3. return to (somewhere)

4. pay (how much) for (something)

5. look for (something)

6. sell (something) to (someone) for (how much)

7. look out of (something)

8. spend (how much) on (something)

9. fly to (somewhere)

10. talk about (something)
