Unit 6: Reading A

How much do you know about the planet Mars? Work with a partner and mark each statement *True* or *False*. Use your dictionary to help you understand the words in bold.

1. Scientists believe there was once a lot of water on the surface of Mars. That water is now **frozen** in the planet's **polar** regions.
   - ○ True
   - ○ False
2. Mars isn't a habitable planet for humans. It's too cold, and it has a very **thin** atmosphere.
   - ○ True
   - ○ False
3. There is less **gravity** on Mars than there is on Earth.
   - ○ True
   - ○ False
4. Mars is often called the "red planet" because its **soil** is red.
   - ○ True
   - ○ False

Unit 6: Reading C

How might humans transform Mars into a habitable planet? Match a time from the Thousand-Year Project with an event.

b. In the first one hundred years | a. Every eighteen months | e. By the year 1,000 | c. By the year 200 | d. By the year 600

1. _____ humans will be able to grow trees and other plants.
2. _____ humans will have started living in cities.
3. _____ an atmosphere starts to form as humans release CO_2 into the air.
4. _____ humans will travel to Mars; each new group will set up new buildings.
5. _____ water will have begun to flow and Mars's surface will have started to change.