

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 CO₂ 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.