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Unit 2/ lesson A. Use the words in the box correctly to complete the text.

commanded	**circumstances**	**practical**	**reliable**	**intend**
artificial	**beyond**	**instructions**	**replace**	**capable**

Human beings have always been fascinated by heavenly bodies like the sun, the moon, the stars, and the planets. They have always wanted to go 1. _____ the earth into outer space to explore these objects. However, it is not very 2. _____ to send people to distant planets like Mars and Jupiter. First, we have not developed 3. _____ spacecraft that can take scientists safely there and back yet. Secondly, the 4. _____ there are not suitable for human habitation because there is not oxygen or water. One solution to this problem is to send unmanned probes like the Mars Lander. They can be 5. _____ from the earth to do complex experiments. They have robotic arms that follow the 6. _____ of the scientists and collect samples from the surface. The onboard computers on these probes are 7. _____ of analyzing the soil and stones and send the results back to the earth because they are equipped with 8. _____ intelligence. One problem with these probes is that they are powered by solar batteries which are impossible to 9. _____ , once they are dead. Many countries like America, Russia, China and India 10 _____ to send such probes in the near future to study the objects in outer space and gather valuable knowledge.

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