

Vocabulary

A. Complete each sentence with the correct word or phrase.

half as big successful planet deep three times as

1. Jupiter is the largest _____ in our solar system.
2. My brother's new puppy is so small. He's only _____ as my father's boot!
3. Be careful swimming in the lake. The water is very _____.
4. A plane ride from Perth to Sydney takes _____ long as a plane ride from Tokyo to Osaka.
5. Ravi moved from Bangladesh to the UK in 1994. At first he was very poor, but now he has a _____ computer business.

B. Choose the correct word or phrase with the same meaning as the blue words in each sentence.

valley journey wonderful people who study science
things that you see around you

1. **Scientists** have found that 50 per cent of Americans are too fat.
2. It's a long walk to the bottom of the **canyon** and it takes a long time to climb out again.
3. Did you see the closing ceremony for the Beijing Olympics? The fireworks were **spectacular**!
4. Last year I went on a **trip** to Africa.
5. The Himalayas have some of the most beautiful **scenery** in the world.

In other words

A. What is the main purpose of the passage? Circle 1, 2 or 3.

1. To describe what it would be like to visit Mars.
2. To describe past and future visits to Mars.
3. To describe the planet Mars.

B. Match each heading to the correct paragraph in the passage.

1. Paragraph _____ Next stop: Mars!
2. Paragraph _____ A spectacular planet.
3. Paragraph _____ Collecting information about Mars.