

Listen to a recording about how scientists' attention is turning to explore Venus. While listening, complete the sentences using a maximum of FOUR words. Write your answers into the boxes on the right.



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1	At the moment, three missions are on their way from Earth to _____.	
2	Venus is the first planet where people _____.	
3	Spacecraft can land softly on Venus because _____.	
4	Unmanned missions can only last for a short time on Venus because _____.	
5	Billions of years ago Venus probably looked _____.	
6	Scientists think volcanoes caused _____ on the planet.	
7	Scientists have found evidence of life _____.	
8	Instead of sending missions to Venus, NASA is planning trips to the moons of _____.	

KEY

(recommended answers – other answers may of course be possible)

1. **Mars**
2. **landed a probe**
landed a spacecraft / spaceship
landed an unmanned spacecraft / spaceship
3. **the atmosphere is thick**
of the thick atmosphere
4. **it is too hot**
it gets too hot
pressure is too big
temperatures are 900° F
probe / spacecraft suffers thermal death
5. **a lot like Earth**
similar to Earth
like our planet
different from today
like a pleasant place
6. **a (runaway) greenhouse effect**
a severe greenhouse effect
a hostile environment
a hot environment
7. **in the clouds**
in the atmosphere
8. **Jupiter and Neptune**
Neptune and Jupiter