Reading: a travel diary

1 Read the travel diary. Complete the table.



The diary of an astronaut

Day 3 Space! I can't believe it. Here I am on the great mission – the Voyage to Mars. We're going to be on board a long, long time. We're all very excited. Jane Markham, our commander, said that being in space for the first time was the best moment of her life. I feel the same. It was my childhood dream – and now it's real!

Day 41 Everything takes so long in zero gravity! Going to the toilet – ugh! Don't talk about it! But Samuel Conrad, who is our chief engineer, said that floating around inside the spaceship is great fun. He's right. It is!

Day 62 The food – hmm. It's like being stuck on an aeroplane. It's not great, but we're all getting used to it. The most important thing is to hold on to it or it will float away!

Day 171 Going into space must be very interesting, one of my fans wrote to me in an email. Yes, it is. I am a very lucky man. Alma Black (she is the youngest member of the crew and our expert on the computer systems) said this morning that her life was like a science-fiction film.

Day 331 Looking back at Earth from space is an amazing thing to do. In fact, it is my favourite thing to do from space – our world looks so beautiful from up here. But I don't like the sunrises. We see them every 90 minutes – about 16 a day! I would rather see only one.

Day 427 Walking down the street, lying on my back in the garden on a sunny day, breathing fresh air – how I would love to do those things now that I can't do them! After more than a year on board, we're all beginning to want more room to move. There are 1.267 days left before we return home.

Name of the mission	Voyage to Mars
Number of astronauts mentioned in the diary	
Things the astronaut likes in space	
Things the astronaut doesn't like in space	
Things the astronaut misses about life on Earth	

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Writing 7

1 **Answer the questions.**

1 What do you think would be the best thing about being in space?

2 What do you think would be the worst thing about being in space?

3 What do you think astronauts miss about life on Earth?

4 What do you think astronauts don't miss about life on Earth?

Help with Writing

When you write an entry in a travel diary, make a note of the date and your location: *6 p.m., Monday 12 July, outside the Leaning Tower of Pisa. / Saturday morning, 3 October, in a café in Moscow.*

2 **Imagine you are an astronaut. You are on the first mission to Mars. Write a travel diary about your journey to the red planet. Include the following information:**

- what you do on the spaceship
- how you feel
- what you miss about life at home
- what you find most interesting about being in space.

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