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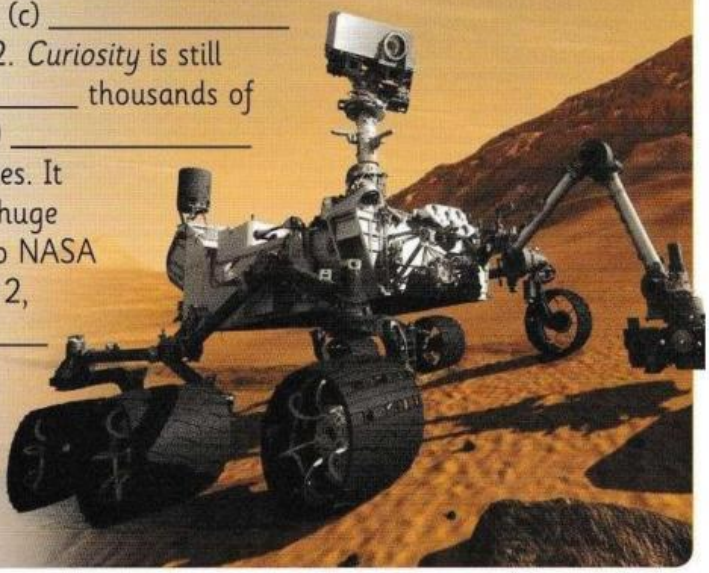
NASA (a) ___has sent___ three robotic rovers to Mars since 2003. The aim of the rovers is to explore the surface of the planet. *Curiosity* is the newest and biggest of the rovers. It (b) _____ Earth on 26th November 2011, and it (c) _____ on Mars on 5th August 2012. *Curiosity* is still on Mars. It (d) _____ thousands of fascinating photos and it (e) _____ lots of interesting soil samples. It (f) _____ back huge amounts of scientific data to NASA scientists. In September 2012, *Curiosity* (g) _____ a very exciting discovery. It (h) _____ photos that showed there used to be water on the surface of Mars.



4 Imagine you are an astronaut. Complete the notes and write a blog.

join NASA / 2009
take part / in _____ space missions
do / _____ spacewalks
spend / _____ hours in space
arrive / on ISS / last _____
be here / for _____ months
do / a lot of experiments
not see / family / since _____

I joined NASA in 2009... _____

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3 Complete the dialogue with the correct form of the verbs.

A: How long (a) have you worked (work) for NASA?
B: For seven years.
A: When (b) _____ you first _____ (go) into space?
B: Five years ago.
A: How many times (c) _____ you _____ (go) into space?
B: Three times. But this is my second mission to the Space Station.
A: How long (d) _____ you _____ (spend) there on your first mission?
B: Nearly five months.
A: Wow! And (e) _____ you ever _____ (do) a spacewalk?
B: Yes. I've done three.
A: When (f) _____ you _____ (do) the last one?
B: I walked in space last week!
A: (g) _____ you ever _____ (see) anything strange in space?
B: No, I haven't yet. But I'm keeping my eyes open!

*How long **has** he **been** there?* = he is still there now
*How long **was** he there?* = he is not there now

4 Imagine it's the year 2023. Write questions to ask an astronaut.

a Have you ever been to the International Space Station?
b When did you _____?
c How long _____?
d _____
e _____
f _____

5 Role play your interviews with a partner. Find out more details.

Have you ever been to the International Space Station?
Yes, I have.
When did you...?

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