

## Vocabulary

*Verbs and dependent prepositions*

① Complete these extracts from the reading passage with the correct preposition.

- 1 The community that focuses its efforts ..... the exploration of space has largely been different from ...
- 2 ... both fields of interest involve what might be referred to ..... 'scientific exploration'.
- 3 The separation between the two communities is often reflected ..... attitudes.
- 4 ... it is not uncommon for space exploration to be regarded ..... a waste of money, distracting governments ..... solving major environmental problems here at home.
- 5 In the sense that Earth and space exploration both stem ..... the same human drive to understand our environment ...
- 6 Projects that have been supported by the Foundation include environmental projects using technologies resulting ..... space exploration ...

② Complete these sentences using the correct prepositions.

- 1 I do not believe ..... spending money ..... space exploration.
- 2 With regard to the rocket launch, the team agreed ..... a six-hour delay.
- 3 Being away from family and friends for long periods must be hard to cope .....
- 4 The cloud cover prevented observers ..... seeing the eclipse.
- 5 A team of experts will be involved ..... setting up the space mission.
- 6 The astronaut said that he had devoted the past four years ..... preparing himself for the mission.
- 7 Galileo is recognised worldwide ..... having been an exceptional scientist.

③ Work in pairs. Complete the sentences any way you wish.

- 1 As a hobby, astronomy appeals ...
- 2 An interest in science can stem ...
- 3 The newspaper editor decided to devote the front page ...
- 4 People can be very divided ...
- 5 The course will provide me ...
- 6 Mars is often referred to ...
- 7 Journalists need to reflect carefully ...