

Making tracks on Mars

Thinking About the Selection

1. Respond: Which entry was the most interesting to you? Why?

2. (a) Recall: What is the mission of the two rovers?

(b) Generalize: What evidence do the scientists hope to find?

3. (a) Infer: Why does Mishkin refer to the failure of the Beagle 2 mission?

(b) Make a Judgment: At what point do the engineers think that the MER mission might fail?

4. (a) Analyze: How many references to Spirit as a living thing does Mishkin include in this journal excerpt?

(b) Speculate: Why do you think he talks about the robot as if it were alive?