





Other applicants who recently finished their session report similar experiences. They remained in a room without interacting with any creature, let alone other human beings. Some estimate the size of their rooms as "about 400 sq ft" or "48 steps if walking along the wall," but none of the interviewees could tell if it has square or circular shape: "ship senations charge." The place offered basic needs of nutrition (the application asks food altergy and preferences), a sleeping bag and a working area, even though they might have nothing to work on. The instructions downloaded from Mars X says "a phostal part of life is developing year over routines," the routines could be either a daily workout or a ritual movement.

The longer one is isolated in the room, the less likely one is able to maintain the routines, as they said. The woman from Arizona was the only one who managed to count the days. The remembered that roughly from day 115, she went through much psychological impact including one-liness, depression, and desperation. She consoled herself with memories of friends and family: "I constituted arguelf that there will be a remove with people after this." This image was her placebo of the extremely lonely life for months and also a decisive factor in her answer to the final question: "It came out of nowhere. No early notification or warning. A voice asked me a question, after a hundred and eighty days of no sound except me whispering, I could hardly realize it was taking to me. It asked me: why de yew want to go to Mars?"

She did not share her answer with us. Her decision to stay on Earth might have given a hint. According to Mars X's report to the federal government, \$8 people entered the Embassy, seven came out of their rooms and canceled their applications. One might question if it's worth the effort for Mars X to ask its candidates to reconsider their metivations. Yet we see a greteful attitude in our Interview. The woman who spent 191 days in an isolated environment without any earthly concern about debt, tids, and work claims that the experience was life-altering: "There is no other chance I can face my escapism about the life."

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