

★ 1. Fill in the sentences with the appropriate article (the or Ø).

- A. We don't have ... necessary technology to live on Mars.
- B. ... technology is getting more and more important economically speaking.
- C. ... Senator John F. Kennedy made a famous speech in Houston in 1962.
- D. ... human race might very well be threatened by ... unknown species.
- E. When their spaceship landed on ... Mars, the entire world was impressed.
- F. The US government chose to go to ... Moon.
- G. ... President Kennedy delivered many famous speeches.
- H. Is it up to ... scientists to promote ... space travel?
- I. This question has to be solved either by ... FBI or by ... President.

★★ 2. Rewrite the following sentences with "in spite of" and "despite".

- A. Although it was difficult, they decided to go on with the space race.
- B. Although he was old, he decided to apply for this job in Houston.
- C. Although the President was keen, they stopped the Star Wars project.
- D. Although Sci-Fi movies are popular, many people disdain them.
- E. Although *E.T.* was corny (*à l'eau de rose*), it was a great popular success.

★★★ 3. Transform the following sentences as shown in the example.

Jane is not as tall as Jenny. → Jenny is taller than Jane.

- A. Bobby is not as knowledgeable as Abigail when it comes to physics.
- B. Jessica does not know as much about astronomy as Clare.
- C. Alfred does not train as hard as Alexander.
- D. The moon is not as far as Pluto.
- E. *Mars Attacks* was not as successful as *E.T.*

★★★★ 4. Rewrite the following sentences as shown in the examples.

Expensive as it may be, going to Mars is a stimulating project.

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- A. Although it's terrifying, space travel must be very exciting.
- B. Although it's challenging, going to Mars is possible.
- C. Although it's ludicrous (*ridicule*), *Mars Attacks* is quite telling about our fears.
- D. Although it's improbable, we may very well be colonised by extraterrestrials.
- E. Although it's confidential, the US government is developing a new space program.

5. Interactive test! What is your score?



Quote challenge

- ★ 3 sentences
- ★★ 4 to 6 sentences
- ★★★ 7 sentences and +

Which quote best sums up what you've learnt? Justify!

"With so much conflict in the world, space exploration can be a beacon of hope. No one cares about race or religion or nationality in space travel. We're all just part of Team Human".

Anne McCain, American astronaut

"Taking more and more passengers into space will bring new meaning to our place on Earth and to our responsibilities as its stewards, and it will help us to recognise our place and future in the cosmos – which is where I believe our ultimate destiny lies".

Stephen Hawking, British theoretical physicist, 1942-2018

"The [one of the thing exciting about a Mars mission] would be searching for life on another planet. I think that is the one scientific question that has the deepest roots for shaping how we see ourselves in the universe".

Christina Koch, American astronaut

"As scientists, we're supposed to be skeptical, because our job is to make sure that what the other person is saying actually makes sense or not. But being a scientist, I think you've seen it from this session, it's like being an explorer. You have this immense curiosity, this stubbornness, this sort of resolute will that you will go forward no matter what other people say".

Sara Seager, Canadian-American astrophysicist working on exoplanets, Professor at MIT