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UAE's historic mission to Mars under way

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THE ARTICLE

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200722-uae-mars-mission.html>

The space agency of the United Arab Emirates has launched its historic first mission to Mars. The UAE launched its Hope probe on an H2-A rocket from a spaceport in Japan on Monday. The probe is on an incredible 500-million-km journey to study the weather and climate on the Red Planet. Hope is scheduled to arrive in Mars' orbit in February 2021, to coincide with the 50th anniversary of the formation of the UAE. The Emirates Mars Mission will stay in the Martian orbit for 687 days. It will collect data samples of the Martian atmosphere to analyse. Scientists in Dubai hope their findings will add to our understanding of how Mars lost a lot of its air and water, as well as springing up a few surprises.

The UAE has joined the ranks of long-established pioneering space giants such as the USA, Russia, China, India and Japan. Entering the field of space exploration is a testament to the ambitions of this young country. The Khaleej Times newspaper explained how momentous the Hope probe is for the UAE. It wrote: "It's an understatement to say that the UAE made history last night. By using history as a springboard, the UAE has catapulted itself and along with it the world into the future - a future of insight and intelligence, beyond mere imagination. For more than 400 million Arabs in the world, one hour, 58 minutes and 14 seconds past midnight last night was a moment that epitomised an eternity."

Sources: <https://www.bbc.com/news/science-environment-53394737>
<https://www.khaleejtimes.com/editorials-columns/uae-did-not-just-make-history-today-it-made-the-future->
<https://www.thenational.ae/uae/science/uae-joins-elite-space-race-nations-as-mars-probe-makes-first-contact-1.1051676>

WARM-UPS

1. MARS: Students walk around the class and talk to other students about Mars. Change partners often and share your findings.

2. CHAT: In pairs / groups, talk about these topics or words from the article. What will the article say about them? What can you say about these words and your life?

space / agency / historic / mission / rocket / spaceport / anniversary / surprises / ranks / giants / exploration / ambitions / probe / springboard / future / intelligence

Have a chat about the topics you liked. Change topics and partners frequently.

3. EXPLORATION: Students A **strongly** believe space exploration is highly important; Students B **strongly** believe it isn't. Change partners again and talk about your conversations.

4. PIONEER: How important is it for a country to be a pioneer in these areas? Why? Complete this table with your partner(s). Change partners often and share what you wrote.

	How Important?	Why?
Space exploration		
The arts		
Nuclear power		
Medicine		
The military		
Human rights		

5. MISSION: Spend one minute writing down all of the different words you associate with the word "mission". Share your words with your partner(s) and talk about them. Together, put the words into different categories.

6. NATIONAL AMBITIONS: Rank these with your partner. Put the most important ambitions from a nation at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

- Space exploration
- Human rights
- No poverty
- Education system
- Health system
- Sporting prowess
- The arts
- 100% equality

VOCABULARY MATCHING

Paragraph 1

- | | |
|---------------|---|
| 1. launched | a. The envelope of gases surrounding the earth or another planet. |
| 2. probe | b. An unmanned exploratory spacecraft designed to transmit information about its environment. |
| 3. incredible | c. The curved path around a planet or other object in space. |
| 4. orbit | d. Send a missile, satellite, or spacecraft on its course or into space. |
| 5. formation | e. Appearing suddenly or unexpected. |
| 6. atmosphere | f. Amazing and difficult to believe. |
| 7. springing | g. The action of beginning something new (like a country or business). |

Paragraph 2

- | | |
|--------------------|--|
| 8. ranks | h. The presentation of something as being smaller, worse, or less important than it actually is. |
| 9. pioneering | i. The action of travelling in or through an unfamiliar area in order to learn about it. |
| 10. exploration | j. A deep understanding of a person or thing. |
| 11. understatement | k. The people or nations belonging to or constituting a group or class. |
| 12. springboard | l. Involving new ideas or methods. |
| 13. insight | m. Of unending time. |
| 14. eternity | n. A thing that helps boost a particular action, enterprise, or development. |

BEFORE READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200722-uae-mars-mission.html>

1. TRUE / FALSE: Read the headline. Guess if a-h below are true (T) or false (F).

- a. The UAE has launched its second mission to Mars. **T / F**
- b. The voyage to Mars is around 500,000,000km. **T / F**
- c. The arrival of the probe should coincide with the UAE's 50th anniversary. **T / F**
- d. The probe will investigate how Mars lost all its air and water. **T / F**
- e. The article said the UAE is not yet a pioneering space giant. **T / F**
- f. The article said the probe is a sign of how ambitious the UAE is. **T / F**
- g. A newspaper called the launch an overstatement. **T / F**
- h. The newspaper said the launch epitomised an eternity for Arabs. **T / F**

2. SYNONYM MATCH:

Match the following synonyms. The words in **bold** are from the news article.

- | | |
|------------------------|------------------|
| 1. historic | a. innovative |
| 2. scheduled | b. specimens |
| 3. formation | c. awareness |
| 4. samples | d. momentous |
| 5. springing up | e. propelled |
| 6. pioneering | f. a long time |
| 7. field | g. establishment |
| 8. catapulted | h. planned |
| 9. insight | i. creating |
| 10. eternity | j. sphere |

3. PHRASE MATCH: (Sometimes more than one choice is possible.)

- | | |
|---|----------------------------|
| 1. The space agency of the | a. the Martian atmosphere |
| 2. The probe is on an incredible | b. up a few surprises |
| 3. stay in the Martian | c. eternity |
| 4. collect data samples of | d. pioneering space giants |
| 5. as well as springing | e. orbit for 687 days |
| 6. joined the ranks of long-established | f. and intelligence |
| 7. a testament to the ambitions | g. United Arab Emirates |
| 8. the UAE has catapulted | h. of this young country |
| 9. a future of insight | i. 500-million-km journey |
| 10. a moment that epitomised an | j. itself |

GAP FILL

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200722-uae-mars-mission.html>

The space agency of the United Arab Emirates has launched its historic (1) _____ mission to Mars. The UAE launched its Hope (2) _____ on an H2-A rocket from a spaceport in Japan on Monday. The probe is on an (3) _____ 500-million-km journey to study the weather and climate on the Red Planet. Hope is (4) _____ to arrive in Mars' orbit in February 2021, to (5) _____ with the 50th anniversary of the formation of the UAE. The Emirates Mars Mission will stay in the Martian (6) _____ for 687 days. It will collect data samples of the Martian atmosphere to analyse. Scientists in Dubai hope their (7) _____ will add to our understanding of how Mars lost a lot of its air and water, as well as (8) _____ up a few surprises.

probe
coincide
springing
first
findings
scheduled
incredible
orbit

The UAE has joined the (9) _____ of long-established pioneering space giants such as the USA, Russia, China, India and Japan. Entering the (10) _____ of space exploration is a (11) _____ to the ambitions of this young country. The Khaleej Times newspaper explained how (12) _____ the Hope probe is for the UAE. It wrote: "It's an understatement to say that the UAE made history last night. By using history as a (13) _____, the UAE has (14) _____ itself and along with it the world into the future - a future of insight and intelligence, beyond (15) _____ imagination. For more than 400 million Arabs in the world, one hour, 58 minutes and 14 seconds past midnight last night was a moment that epitomised an (16) _____."

catapulted
field
momentous
mere
ranks
eternity
testament
springboard

LISTENING – Guess the answers. Listen to check.

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- 1) its historic first mission to Mars. The UAE launched _____
 - a. its Hope globe
 - b. its Hope probe
 - c. its Hope prose
 - d. its Hope prove
- 2) to arrive in Mars' orbit in February 2021, to _____ 50th anniversary
 - a. coincidence with the
 - b. coincide with the
 - c. coincides with the
 - d. coinciding with the
- 3) The Emirates Mars Mission will stay in the Martian _____ days
 - a. orbit for 687
 - b. all bit for 687
 - c. or bits for 687
 - d. orb it for 687
- 4) It will collect data samples of the Martian _____
 - a. atmosphere to analysis
 - b. atmosphere to analyses
 - c. atmosphere to analyst
 - d. atmosphere to analyse
- 5) how Mars lost a lot of its air and water, as well as springing _____ surprises
 - a. up the few
 - b. upper few
 - c. upper a few
 - d. up a few
- 6) The UAE has joined the ranks of long-established _____
 - a. pioneer in space giants
 - b. pioneering spaced giants
 - c. pioneering space giants
 - d. pie a nearing spacy giants
- 7) Entering the field of space exploration is a testament _____
 - a. to the ambitious
 - b. to the ambitiously
 - c. to the ambitions
 - d. to the gambits on
- 8) By using history as a springboard, the UAE _____
 - a. has catapulted itself
 - b. has catapult it itself
 - c. has cat a pulled itself
 - d. has Acapulco itself
- 9) a future of insight and intelligence, beyond _____
 - a. mere imagination
 - b. more imagination
 - c. mare imagination
 - d. mire imagination
- 10) and 14 seconds past midnight last night was a moment that _____
 - a. epitomised an eternal
 - b. epitomised the eternity
 - c. epitomised an eternity
 - d. epitomised on eternity

LISTENING – Listen and fill in the gaps

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COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200722-uae-mars-mission.html>

1. What institution of the UAE launched the probe?
2. What kind of rocket was used in the launch?
3. When will the probe arrive in the Martian orbit?
4. For how long will the probe stay in the Martian orbit?
5. What did the article say the probe would spring up?
6. What has the UAE joined the ranks of?
7. What is the probe a testament to regarding the UAE?
8. What did a newspaper say the UAE had made?
9. Where did the newspaper say the UAE had catapulted itself?
10. For how long did a newspaper suggest the launch epitomised?

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200722-uae-mars-mission.html>

- 1) What institution of the UAE launched the probe?
 - a) the science ministry
 - b) the space agency
 - c) the tourism department
 - d) the Mars Secretariat
- 2) What kind of rocket was used in the launch?
 - a) a Mars Rover X-3000
 - b) a big one
 - c) a Chinese-made one
 - d) an H2-A rocket
- 3) When will the probe arrive in the Martian orbit?
 - a) next week
 - b) by the end of the year
 - c) February 2021
 - d) March 16th, 2086
- 4) For how long will the probe stay in the Martian orbit?
 - a) 687 days
 - b) 1,687 days
 - c) 16,870 days
 - d) 68.7 days
- 5) What did the article say the probe would spring up?
 - a) rocks
 - b) a few surprises
 - c) gravity
 - d) water
- 6) What has the UAE joined the ranks of?
 - a) space giants
 - b) legends
 - c) captain and colonel
 - d) five, eight and nine
- 7) What is the probe a testament to regarding the UAE?
 - a) its scientists
 - b) its money
 - c) its ambitions
 - d) its vision
- 8) What did a newspaper say the UAE had made?
 - a) history
 - b) a mess
 - c) a rocket
 - d) a nation happy
- 9) Where did the newspaper say the UAE had catapulted itself?
 - a) into the clouds
 - b) into the blue yonder
 - c) into the stratosphere
 - d) into the future
- 10) For how long did a newspaper suggest the launch epitomised?
 - a) a month of Sundays
 - b) about twenty minutes
 - c) an eternity
 - d) once in a blue moon

ROLE PLAY

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Role A – Space Exploration

You think space exploration is the most important national ambition. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ambitions. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): a great education system, 100 equality or sporting prowess.

Role B – A Great Education System

You think a great education system is the most important national ambition. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ambitions. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): space exploration, 100 equality or sporting prowess.

Role C – 100% Equality

You think 100 equality is the most important national ambition. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ambitions. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): a great education system, space exploration or sporting prowess.

Role D – Sporting Prowess

You think sporting prowess is the most important national ambition. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their ambitions. Also, tell the others which is the least important of these (and why): a great education system, 100 equality or space exploration.

AFTER READING / LISTENING

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200722-uae-mars-mission.html>

1. WORD SEARCH: Look in your dictionary / computer to find collocates, other meanings, information, synonyms ... for the words 'Mars' and 'space'.

Mars	space
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- Share your findings with your partners.
- Make questions using the words you found.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

2. ARTICLE QUESTIONS: Look back at the article and write down some questions you would like to ask the class about the text.

- Share your questions with other classmates / groups.
- Ask your partner / group your questions.

3. GAP FILL: In pairs / groups, compare your answers to this exercise. Check your answers. Talk about the words from the activity. Were they new, interesting, worth learning...?

4. VOCABULARY: Circle any words you do not understand. In groups, pool unknown words and use dictionaries to find their meanings.

5. TEST EACH OTHER: Look at the words below. With your partner, try to recall how they were used in the text:

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• first• incredible• 2021• 687• findings• few	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• ranks• field• momentous• say• insight• 14
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MARS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about Mars in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper. When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.

MARS DISCUSSION

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. What did you think when you read the headline?
2. What images are in your mind when you hear the word 'Mars'?
3. How important is space exploration?
4. How historic is the UAE's mission to Mars?
5. Should all countries have a space programme?
6. What do you know about Mars?
7. What do you know about the United Arab Emirates?
8. What would you like the UAE's probe to find?
9. How will the UAE mission help people on Earth?
10. How likely it is we will be living on Mars one day?

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MARS DISCUSSION

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

11. Did you like reading this article? Why/not?
12. What do you think of when you hear the word 'space'?
13. What do you think about what you read?
14. What does it mean to the UAE to belong to the space club?
15. What ambitions does your country have?
16. What is the most momentous occasion in your country's history?
17. What do you imagine the future will be like?
18. What can other countries learn from the UAE's vision?
19. Why did the launch epitomise 'an eternity' for 400 millions Arabs?
20. What questions would you like to ask the Emirates Mars Mission?

DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT A's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student B)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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DISCUSSION (Write your own questions)

STUDENT B's QUESTIONS (Do not show these to student A)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

LANGUAGE - CLOZE

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Put the correct words from the table below in the above article.

- | | | | | |
|-----|-----------------|-----------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1. | (a) globe | (b) prose | (c) probe | (d) trope |
| 2. | (a) on | (b) at | (c) of | (d) by |
| 3. | (a) on | (b) to | (c) at | (d) in |
| 4. | (a) coincidence | (b) collision | (c) collide | (d) coincide |
| 5. | (a) stamps | (b) simples | (c) samples | (d) supple |
| 6. | (a) surging | (b) springing | (c) jumping | (d) leaping |
| 7. | (a) as | (b) is | (c) was | (d) be |
| 8. | (a) affirmation | (b) filament | (c) firmament | (d) testament |
| 9. | (a) moment | (b) memento | (c) momentous | (d) momentum |
| 10. | (a) closeted | (b) ingratiated | (c) spurned | (d) catapulted |
| 11. | (a) mare | (b) mere | (c) mire | (d) more |
| 12. | (a) eternity | (b) uncertainty | (c) affinity | (d) insanity |

SPELLING

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Paragraph 1

1. Inauhdce its historic first mission to Mars
2. a cprpsaeto in Japan
3. an incredible 500-million-km enoyujr
4. Hope is eudsehdcl to arrive
5. stay in the Martian rbtoi for 687 days
6. collect data samples of the Martian mtsoepearh

Paragraph 2

7. pioneinreg space giants
8. temtentas to the ambitions of this young country
9. how uonsmmtoe the Hope probe is for the UAE
10. the UAE has ucatdtplea itself
11. a future of shtniig and intelligence
12. a moment that epitomised an nreittey

PUT THE TEXT BACK TOGETHER

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200722-uae-mars-mission.html>

Number these lines in the correct order.

- () add to our understanding of how Mars lost a lot of its air and water, as well as springing up a few surprises.
- () samples of the Martian atmosphere to analyse. Scientists in Dubai hope their findings will
- () on Monday. The probe is on an incredible 500-million-km journey to study the weather and climate on the Red Planet. Hope is
- () springboard, the UAE has catapulted itself and along with it the world into the future - a future of insight and intelligence,
- () The UAE has joined the ranks of long-established pioneering space giants such as the USA, Russia, China, India
- (**1**) The space agency of the United Arab Emirates has launched its historic first mission
- () understatement to say that the UAE made history last night. By using history as a
- () beyond mere imagination. For more than 400 million Arabs in the world, one hour,
- () formation of the UAE. The Emirates Mars Mission will stay in the Martian orbit for 687 days. It will collect data
- () country. The Khaleej Times newspaper explained how momentous the Hope probe is for the UAE. It wrote: "It's an
- () to Mars. The UAE launched its Hope probe on an H2-A rocket from a spaceport in Japan
- () and Japan. Entering the field of space exploration is a testament to the ambitions of this young
- () 58 minutes and 14 seconds past midnight last night was a moment that epitomised an eternity."
- () scheduled to arrive in Mars' orbit in February 2021, to coincide with the 50th anniversary of the

PUT THE WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER

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1. mission its Mars . historic It to first launched
2. is probe The incredible an journey . 500-million-km on
3. Hope arrive scheduled Mars' orbit . to in is
4. 50th of the anniversary formation of the UAE . The
5. few springing well As surprises . as a up
6. giants . ranks of space long-established pioneering Joined the
7. the country . of this Testament ambitions to
8. itself UAE The future . the catapulted has into
9. and Insight beyond intelligence mere imagination .
10. eternity . Yesterday epitomised moment a an that was

CIRCLE THE CORRECT WORD (20 PAIRS)

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200722-uae-mars-mission.html>

The space agency of the United Arab Emirates has launched its *historian / historic* first mission to Mars. The UAE launched its Hope *globe / probe* on an H2-A rocket from a spaceport in Japan on Monday. The probe is on an *incredible / incredibly* 500-million-km journey to study the weather and climate *on / in* the Red Planet. Hope is *scheduled / schedule* to arrive in Mars' orbit in February 2021, to *coincidence / coincide* with the 50th anniversary of the *formation / affirmation* of the UAE. The Emirates Mars Mission will stay in the Martian *circle / orbit* for 687 days. It will collect data samples of the Martian atmosphere to analyse. Scientists in Dubai hope their *funding / findings* will add to our understanding of how Mars lost a lot of its air and water, as well as *jumping / springing* up a few surprises.

The UAE has joined the *ranks / links* of long-established pioneering space *giants / gigantic* such as the USA, Russia, China, India and Japan. Entering the *patch / field* of space exploration is a *firmament / testament* to the ambitions of this young country. The Khaleej Times newspaper explained how *momentarily / momentous* the Hope probe is for the UAE. It wrote: "It's an understatement to say that the UAE *did / made* history last night. By using history as a *springboard / sounding board*, the UAE has catapulted itself and along with it the *world / word* into the future - a future of insight and intelligence, beyond *mere / more* imagination. For more than 400 million Arabs in the world, one hour, 58 minutes and 14 seconds past midnight last night was a moment that epitomised an *eternal / eternity*."

Talk about the connection between each pair of words in italics, and why the correct word is correct.

INSERT THE VOWELS (a, e, i, o, u)

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The space agency of the United Arab Emirates has launched its historic first mission to Mars. The UAE launched its Hope probe on the H2-A rocket from spaceport in Japan on Monday. The probe is an uncrewed 500-kilogram journey to study the weather and climate on the Red Planet. Hope is scheduled to arrive on Mars' orbit in February 2021, to coincide with the 50th anniversary of the formation of the UAE. The Emirates Mars Mission will study the Martian orbit for 687 days. It will collect data samples from the Martian atmosphere only. Scientists on board hope their findings will add to our understanding of how Mars lost its air and water, as well as springing up a few surprises.

The UAE has joined the ranks of long-standing space giants such as the USA, Russia, China, India and Japan. Entering the field of space exploration is a testament to the ambitions of this young country. The Khalifa Times newspaper explained how moments of the Hope probe for the UAE. It wrote: "It's an understatement to say that the UAE made history last night. By sending history's first springboard, the UAE has catapulted itself and long with the world into the future - a future of insight and enlightenment, beyond our imagination. For more than 400 million Arabs in the world, in hours, 58 minutes and 14 seconds past midnight last night was a moment that put Mars in our history."

PUNCTUATE THE TEXT AND ADD CAPITALS

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200722-uae-mars-mission.html>

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PUT A SLASH (/) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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HOMework

1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION: Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

2. INTERNET: Search the Internet and find out more about this news story. Share what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

3. MARS: Make a poster about Mars. Show your work to your classmates in the next lesson. Did you all have similar things?

4. INVESTMENT: Write a magazine article about governments spending more money on research into Mars. Include imaginary interviews with people who are for and against this.

Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Write down any new words and expressions you hear from your partner(s).

5. WHAT HAPPENED NEXT? Write a newspaper article about the next stage in this news story. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

6. LETTER: Write a letter to an expert on Mars. Ask him/her three questions about it. Give him/her three of your opinions on missions to Mars. Read your letter to your partner(s) in your next lesson. Your partner(s) will answer your questions.

ANSWERS

VOCABULARY (p.4)

1. d 2. b 3. f 4. c 5. g 6. a 7. e
8. k 9. l 10. i 11. h 12. n 13. j 14. m

TRUE / FALSE (p.5)

- a F b T c T d F e F f T g F h T

SYNONYM MATCH (p.5)

1. d	2. h	3. g	4. b	5. i
6. a	7. j	8. e	9. c	10. f

COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS (p.9)

1. The space agency
2. An H2-A rocket
3. February 2021
4. 687 days
5. A few surprises
6. Pioneering space giants
7. Its ambitions
8. History
9. Into the future
10. An eternity

WORDS IN THE RIGHT ORDER (p.20)

1. It launched its historic first mission to Mars.
2. The probe is on an incredible 500-million-km journey.
3. Hope is scheduled to arrive in Mars' orbit.
4. The 50th anniversary of the formation of the UAE.
5. As well as springing up a few surprises.
6. Joined the ranks of long-established pioneering space giants.
7. Testament to the ambitions of this country.
8. The UAE has catapulted itself into the future.
9. Insight and intelligence beyond mere imagination.
10. Yesterday was a moment that epitomised an eternity.

MULTIPLE CHOICE - QUIZ (p.10)

1. a 2. c 3. b 4. d 5. a 6. d 7. b 8. d 9. c 10. b

ALL OTHER EXERCISES

Please check for yourself by looking at the Article on page 2.
(It's good for your English ;-)