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## UAE's historic mission to Mars under way

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# THE READING

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The UAE space agency has launched a historic mission to Mars. The Hope probe went into space from a spaceport in Japan. The probe is on a 500-million-km journey to study the climate on the Red Planet. Hope should arrive in Mars' orbit in February 2021. This coincides with the 50th anniversary of the UAE. The Emirates Mars Mission will stay in the Martian orbit for 687 days. It will collect and analyse samples of the Martian atmosphere. Scientists in Dubai hope their findings will help us understand how Mars lost a lot of its air and water. There may also be a few surprises.

The UAE has joined the ranks of pioneering space giants such as the USA, Russia and China. Entering the field of space exploration proves the ambitions of this young country. A UAE newspaper explained how momentous the Hope probe is. It wrote: "It's an understatement to say that the UAE made history last night....The UAE has catapulted itself...into the future - a future of insight and intelligence, beyond mere imagination." It added: "For more than 400 million Arabs in the world...[the launch] was a moment that epitomised an eternity."

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# PHRASE MATCHING

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## PARAGRAPH ONE:

- |  |                       |
|--|-----------------------|
| 1. went into space from a              | a. for 687 days       |
| 2. The probe is on a 500-              | b. its air and water  |
| 3. coincides with the 50th anniversary | c. spaceport in Japan |
| 4. stay in the Martian orbit           | d. a few surprises    |
| 5. analyse samples of the              | e. of the UAE         |
| 6. their findings will help            | f. Martian atmosphere |
| 7. Mars lost a lot of                  | g. million-km journey |
| 8. There may also be                   | h. us understand      |

## PARAGRAPH TWO:

- |                                  |                       |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1. the ranks of pioneering       | a. into the future    |
| 2. the field of space            | b. Arabs in the world |
| 3. proves the ambitions of       | c. imagination        |
| 4. The UAE has catapulted itself | d. space giants       |
| 5. a future of insight           | e. an eternity        |
| 6. beyond mere                   | f. this young country |
| 7. For more than 400 million     | g. and intelligence   |
| 8. a moment that epitomised      | h. exploration        |

# LISTEN AND FILL IN THE GAPS

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# PUT A SLASH ( / ) WHERE THE SPACES ARE

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# MARS SURVEY

From <https://breakingnewsenglish.com/2007/200722-uae-mars-mission-4.html>

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.

## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student A: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

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## WRITE QUESTIONS & ASK YOUR PARTNER(S)

Student B: Do not show these to your speaking partner(s).

a) \_\_\_\_\_

b) \_\_\_\_\_

c) \_\_\_\_\_

d) \_\_\_\_\_

e) \_\_\_\_\_

f) \_\_\_\_\_

