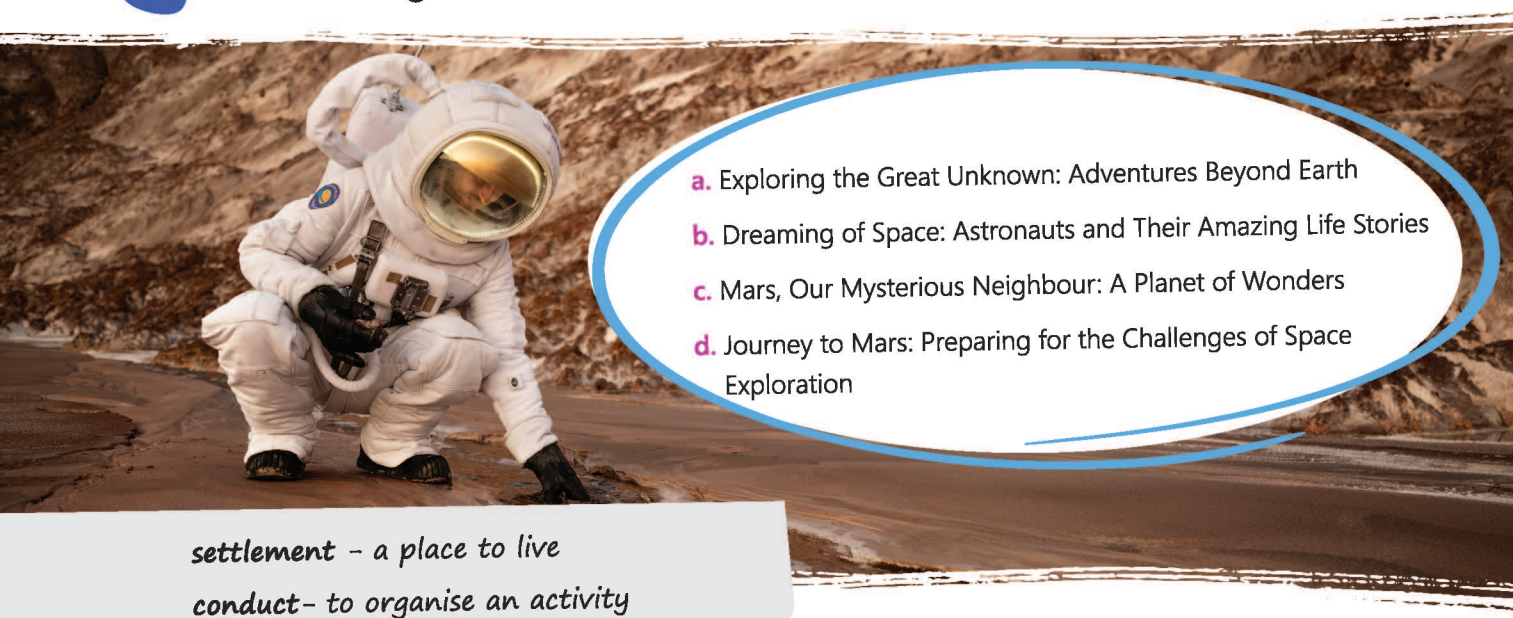


READING

1 Discuss the statements with a partner. Do you agree or disagree?

- Space exploration is important for the future of humanity.
- It will not be challenging for people to live on Mars.
- Life on Mars will be more exciting than life on Earth.

2 Read the magazine article and choose the best title.



3 Five sentences have been removed from the text on the next page. Choose from the sentences (A-G) the one which fits each gap. There is one extra sentence which you do not need to use.

- A. *This helps us prepare for the difficulties we will face.*
- B. They have learned a lot about it from robot geologists and telescopes.
- C. This place is very cold and dark, which is similar to what it might be like on Mars.
- D. They must be physically and psychologically ready for this period.
- E. Some countries do this, too, but they haven't been successful yet.
- F. They have everything they need to survive, like plants, exercise equipment, kitchens, and bathrooms in special settlements on their home planet.
- G. However, even with these challenges, we can explore Mars since it is one of the closest planets to us.

We often use words like *this*, *that*, *these*, *those*, *it*, and *they* to refer to a word or a group of words used earlier in the text.

Scientists have been practising for Mars missions on Earth for the past twenty years. This helps us prepare for the difficulties we will face.

Reference words in the sentences will help you find the answers.