

# 10. Mission Mangalyaan

## WORKSHEET 1

### COMPREHENSION

**Read the following story and answer the questions that follow.**

Mars is the fourth planet from the Sun and is often called the "Red Planet" because of its reddish color. This planet is smaller than Earth and has a thin atmosphere made mostly of carbon dioxide. Mars has two small moons named Phobos and Deimos. Scientists believe that Mars once had water flowing on its surface, which makes it an exciting place to study. It has the largest volcano in the solar system, called Olympus Mons, and deep valleys like Valles Marineris. People are curious if life ever existed on Mars, so robots like rovers are sent there to explore. Mars has seasons like Earth, but they last longer because a year on Mars is almost twice as long as a year on Earth. Someday, humans might even travel to Mars to learn more about this fascinating planet.

**A. Answer the following questions:**

1. What is Mars often called?  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. How many moons does Mars have?  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. What is the name of the largest volcano on Mars?  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. Why is Mars an exciting place for scientists to study?  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. How long is a year on Mars compared to Earth?  
\_\_\_\_\_

**B. Fill in the blanks:**

1. Mars is the \_\_\_\_\_ planet from the Sun.
2. Mars is often called the "\_\_\_\_\_ Planet."
3. The atmosphere of Mars is made mostly of \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The two moons of Mars are named \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The largest volcano on Mars is \_\_\_\_\_ Mons.

**C. Write True or False:**

1. Mars is smaller than Earth. \_\_\_\_\_
2. Mars has a thick atmosphere. \_\_\_\_\_
3. Mars has only one moon. \_\_\_\_\_
4. Rovers are sent to Mars to explore it. \_\_\_\_\_
5. A year on Mars is shorter than a year on Earth. \_\_\_\_\_

## WORKSHEET 2

### GRAMMAR

**A. Change the following into indirect/reported speech.**

1. He said to me, "Give me the book."
2. The teacher said to the class, "Tomorrow you will have a test on English spellings."
3. "Where have the children gone?" Mary asked Mrs Grace.
4. I said to Manju, "We can eat these mangoes."

**B. Change the following into direct speech.**

1. The old lady asked Peter if he could help her carry that heavy basket.
2. Mr Sharma told Mr Inder that it was time for them to leave for the station.
3. Lalaji told his assistant to put away the sweets into the counter immediately.
4. Mukta told Renu that she knew a place where they could get very pretty clips.
5. The vendor said that balloon was the last one he had that day.

**C. Select the words from the box to complete the following sentences.**

insisted   ordered   told   enquired   instructed

1. The lady \_\_\_\_\_ the way to the hospital.
2. Grandma \_\_\_\_\_ us a story about a bear and a panther.
3. The soldier \_\_\_\_\_ his troop to walk very quietly.
4. Everyone has been \_\_\_\_\_ to use the stairs during the fire drill.
5. The little girl \_\_\_\_\_ that she wanted the doll.

# WORKSHEET 3

## VOCABULARY AND WRITING

### A. Give one word for the following.

1. Someone who rules over an empire \_\_\_\_\_
2. Someone who performs magic \_\_\_\_\_
3. Someone who does prayers and rituals \_\_\_\_\_
4. Someone who attends a court \_\_\_\_\_
5. Someone who advises a king \_\_\_\_\_

### B. Fill in the blanks with a suitable phrase from the box.

a little later   an hour later   for a moment   for a while   for two weeks

1. When I first read the question, I couldn't remember the answer \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The new neighbour has been here \_\_\_\_\_.
3. The school will close \_\_\_\_\_ today as we have to prepare for the Annual Day.
4. Please ask the patient to wait \_\_\_\_\_.
5. I will go to the market \_\_\_\_\_.

### C. Match the columns.

#### Column A

1. tube
2. out
3. cow
4. fly
5. count

#### Column B

- (a) standing
- (b) over
- (c) down
- (d) well
- (e) herd