



Launch 2: Destination Mars

A Tech-Center Exploration of Space & the Planets

Your mission is to find out some interesting facts about your destination planet! Click on the name of your planet to get started. Read through the web page that appears, and answer the following questions:

- Mars is the _____ planet from the sun. It has two moons; they are shaped like _____!
- Mars is often called the “Red Planet.” What gives this planet its reddish color?
_____.
- Mars is the planet most like _____.
- It takes Mars approximately _____ Earth years to go around the sun.
- A Martian day is _____ Earth-hours and _____ Earth-minutes long.
- Mars has the largest canyon in the entire solar system. The name of this canyon is Valles Marineris. If you would put this canyon on Earth, it would span the entire _____!
- Who was Mars, and why did the ancient astronomers name this planet after him?

← How old would you be if you lived on Mars?

Draw the symbol for Mars in the box! →