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Mars Is Rusty Red

Circle group

Mars is a planet. It looks red at night. It is the red planet.

Why is it red? The dirt has rust in it. Rust is red. You can see rust on an old bike.

Mars has rocks, hills, and dust. Small robots drive there. They take pictures.

Questions

1. What color is Mars in the night sky?

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2. What do people call Mars?

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3. Why is Mars red?

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4. Where can you see rust like the rust on Mars?

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5. What do the small robots do?

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Words to know

rust: red-brown stuff that grows on old metal
planet: a big round world that goes around a star
dust: tiny bits of dry dirt
robots: machines that can do jobs

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
2. What did your sheet tell you that you think another group's did not? Ask them.
3. What is one question about this topic that none of the sheets answered?

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Mars Is Rusty Red

Triangle group

Mars is a planet. It looks red in the night sky. People call it the red planet.

Why is it red? The dirt on Mars has rust in it. Rust is the red stuff you can see on an old bike.

Mars has rocks, hills, and red dust. Small robots drive on it and take pictures for us.

Questions

1. What color does Mars look in the night sky?

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2. What do people call Mars?

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3. Why is Mars red?

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4. What can you see on an old bike that is like the dirt on Mars?

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5. What do the small robots do on Mars?

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Words to know

rust: red-brown stuff that grows on old metal
planet: a big round world that goes around a star
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Mars Is Rusty Red

Square group

Mars is a planet that looks red when we see it in the night sky. Because of its color, many people call it the red planet.

Why does Mars look so red? The dirt on Mars has rust in it. Rust is the same reddish stuff that you can sometimes see on an old bike.

Mars has rocks, hills, and plenty of red dust. Small robots drive across it and take pictures for us to see.

Questions

1. What color does Mars look in the night sky?

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2. What do many people call Mars?

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3. Why does Mars look so red?

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4. Where can you sometimes see the same kind of stuff that is on Mars?

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5. What do the small robots do on Mars?

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Words to know

rust: red-brown stuff that grows on old metal
planet: a big round world that goes around a star
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Talk together (every group has these)

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For the teacher: Mars Is Rusty Red

Each student sheet carries a shape, not a level. The same topic and facts, written three ways.

Circle: Mars Is Rusty Red

Easier · 48 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -0.9

1. Red.
2. The red planet.
3. The dirt has rust in it.
4. On an old bike.
5. They drive and take pictures.

Triangle: Mars Is Rusty Red

This passage · 58 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.3

1. Red.
2. The red planet.
3. The dirt on Mars has rust in it.
4. Rust.
5. They drive and take pictures.

Square: Mars Is Rusty Red

Harder · 76 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 2.6

1. Red.
2. The red planet.
3. The dirt on Mars has rust in it.
4. Rust on an old bike.
5. They drive across it and take pictures.