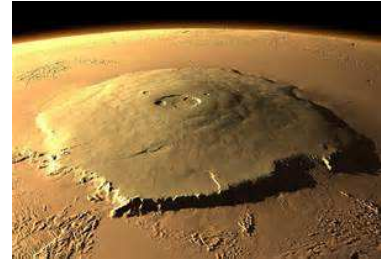


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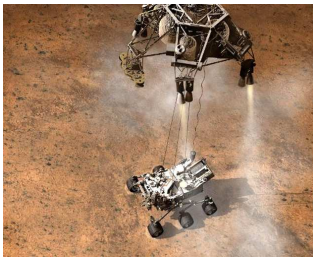
Mars



Mars is the second smallest planet in the Solar System. Mars is also home to the second highest mountain in our Solar System, Mount Olympus, which is about 27,000 meters high (Everest is only 9,000!). It is sometimes called the Red Planet because of the reddish color of its lands.

A year on Mars equals 686.9 Earth days. It has a climate similar to our planet, even though it only receives half the sunlight that we receive.

Mars has two moons called Phobos and Deimos. The planet was visited by the spacecraft Curiosity during October, 2012. This expedition discovered that previously, liquid water existed on Mars.



Answer the Questions

1. What is Mount Olympus?
 - a. a mountain in Greece
 - b. the second highest mountain in the Solar System
 - c. one type of asteroid
 - d. one of the moons of Mars
2. A Martian year is equal to _____.
 - a. an Earth year
 - b. an Earth year, 320 days and 18 hours
 - c. an Earth year 345 days and 19 hours
 - d. two lunar years
3. Phobos and Deimos are _____.
 - a. two Celtic gods
 - b. the moons of Mars
 - c. astronauts aboard the Curiosity
 - d. the two closest planets to Mars
4. What is Mars sometimes called?
 - a. the Red Planet
 - b. the Blue Planet
 - c. the fourth planet
 - d. the name of the moon orbiting the Earth