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EXTENSION

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1 The words below appear in the text in Exercise 2. Find the words and guess their meanings. Use a dictionary to check your guesses.

1. participants 2. raise money 3. most importantly

2 Read the text and write questions. Use *will*, *be going to* or the Future Continuous. There may be more than one correct answer. Then answer the questions according to the text.

A Holiday on Mars

The Dutch are planning a new reality TV programme. A group of people will live together while cameras film them 24 hours a day. Sounds familiar, doesn't it? The new show is similar to the popular show *Big Brother*. But there's one important difference – some of the participants will travel to Mars. Yes, that's right. A Dutch company, Mars One, wants to create a colony on Mars. To raise money, they are going to make a reality TV programme about it.

In many ways, the planet Mars is similar to Earth. A day on Mars is 24 hours and 39 minutes, less than an hour longer than a day on Earth. The temperature on Mars is around -55°C. That's cold, but consider this: scientists in Antarctica live and work in similar weather. A summer day on Mars can be a pleasant 20°C. But most importantly, there is water on Mars. It's frozen, but it's there. And with water, people can survive.

There is still a lot we don't know about Mars. For this reason, Mars One is going to do a lot of preparation before sending astronauts there. Their reality TV programme will show both the preparations and the journey to Mars.

Here are their plans:

- In 2022, the company will send exploration vehicles to Mars to select a suitable place to live.
- In 2024, they will send 2,500 kilogrammes of food to Mars.
- In 2025, they will send homes for astronauts to live in.
- In 2026, the first astronauts will leave on their flight. They will be travelling for many months and will reach Mars in 2027.

According to scientists, space travel like this will be possible one day. In the future, lots of people will be going to Mars. They will book a flight, make hotel reservations and go for long weekends to the Red Planet.

1. all the participants in the programme / travel / to Mars

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2. the Dutch company / create a colony / on the moon

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3. the reality TV programme / raise money / for the mission

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4. astronauts / build / their own homes / on Mars

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5. people / travel / to Mars / one day

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3 Complete the sentences.

1. Scientists believe people can live on Mars because
2. The temperature on Mars is as cold as
3. Before the astronauts go to Mars, the company will send and to Mars.
4. The first astronauts will arrive on Mars in

4 Imagine you are a participant on the new reality TV programme and you have just arrived on Mars. Write a blog entry describing your experience.