

Directions: Read the following story silently, and then answer the questions about the story.

Space Adventure

Sarah and Joe couldn't believe what they were looking at. Bright, enormous, star-like boulders flew by them quicker than airplanes back at home. These asteroids were larger than their house back on Earth, and as they floated through an asteroid field in their spaceship, Sarah started feeling worried.



Joe and Sarah had been astronauts for less than 1 year now, and this was their first time in outer space. They were on a mission to conduct experiments on Mars, and they were almost there when the first asteroid appeared.

“If only we could get through this last mile, we can make it to our landing spot,” said Sarah, sweating.

Just then, the spaceship started making strange, bubbling sounds inside the engine. Smoke started to appear, and then water started leaking out of the sides.

“NO! What will we do?” yelled Joe.

“Don't worry, we have the emergency button to use, and I think this qualifies as an emergency!” said Sarah, starting to push the button.

Just then, the last asteroid flew by, and there, less than 1 mile away, was the most beautiful sight they had ever seen: a bright, glowing, orange Mars.

“We made it!!” they both said, relieved that their mission was almost over.

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 - c. fields
 - d. large houses

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 - a. 2
 - b. 3
 - c. 1
 - d. too many to count

3. How far away were Sarah and Joe from landing when their spaceship started to have problems?
 - a. 200 miles
 - b. 300 million miles
 - c. 1 year
 - d. 1 mile

4. Where were they planning to land?
 - a. Earth
 - b. Mars
 - c. Asteroid Field
 - d. on a star

5. Why were Joe and Sarah out in space?
 - a. to perform experiments
 - b. go home
 - c. explore planets
 - d. observe asteroids

6. What is most likely to happen, after Sarah and Joe land their spaceship?
 - a. They will turn around and go home
 - b. They will need to fix their spaceship
 - c. They will never go on a trip again
 - d. They will collect asteroids

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 - b. astronauts on an adventurous trip
 - c. an asteroid field
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ANSWERS

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