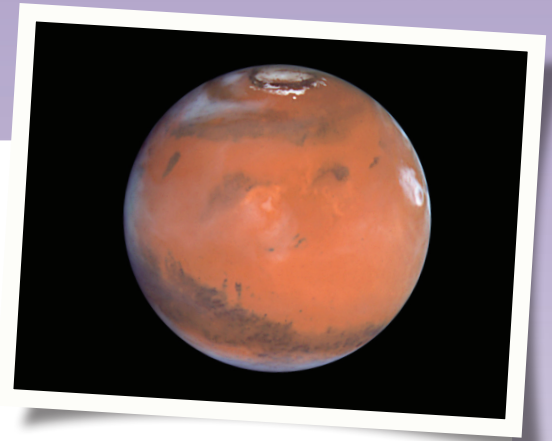


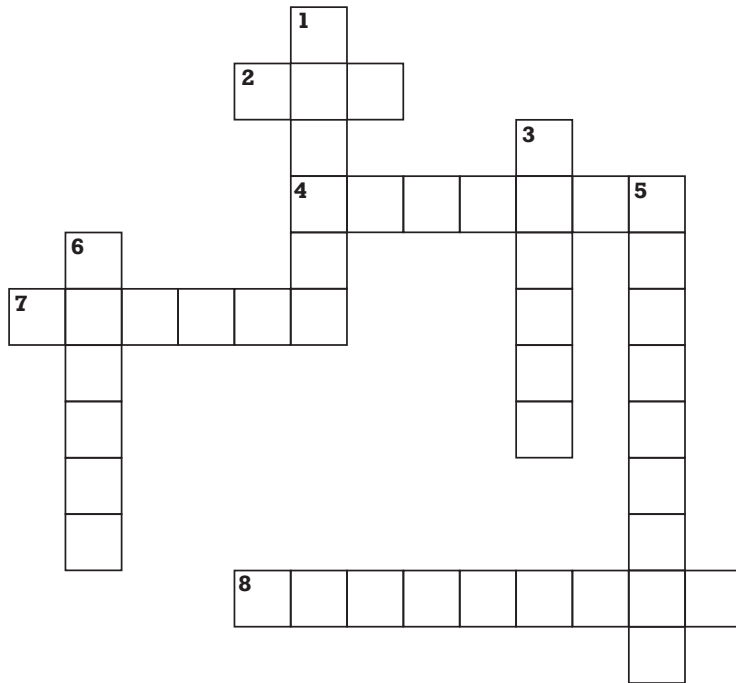
The Red Planet



Part 1: As a seasoned space traveler, Snoopy is excited to think about the discoveries that NASA's new rover Perseverance might make after landing on Mars on February 18, 2021.

How much do you know about Mars? Use your knowledge to complete this crossword puzzle.

Word Bank			
rovers	months	parachute	Deimos
million	eighty	nutrients	red



Across

- 2. Mars is sometimes called the _____ planet.
- 4. The distance from Earth to Mars ranges from 33.9 to 249 _____ miles.
- 7. Scientists have sent orbiters, landers, and _____ to Mars.
- 8. The Perseverance rover uses a _____ to help it land.

Down

- 1. Mars has two small moons named _____ and Phobos.
- 3. The average temperature on Mars is _____ degrees below zero Fahrenheit.
- 5. With the addition of bacteria and organic matter, the sediment on Mars might become soil that could contain enough _____ to grow plants.
- 6. It will take astronauts about seven or eight _____ to get to Mars.

Part 2: Neil Armstrong famously said, "That's one small step for a man, one giant leap for mankind" when he first stepped on the moon. Imagine you are the first human to set foot on Mars. What would you say? What do you think it would be like to live and work there? Write your thoughts below.

Families: Explore Mars together! Visit <https://solarsystem.nasa.gov/planets/mars/overview/> to learn more about Earth's fascinating neighbor, and <https://mars.nasa.gov/mars2020/> for more about Perseverance and its mission.

