

# **CUADERNO Nº 2. ESCUCHAR Y ESCRIBIR.**

**ENSEÑANZAS DE IDIOMAS.  
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**Instructions:**

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In this test you will find activities designed to check your listening and writing skills in English at an Intermediate level.

First, you must answer several questions about a spoken text. Read the questions, then listen carefully. You can take notes while you listen but do not write your answers at this stage. You will listen to the recording twice. After that, you will have plenty of time to answer the questions.

This is not a memory exercise. Focus on understanding the recording.

In some of the questions circle the correct answer. There is only one possible answer. For example:

1. This text is in \_\_\_\_\_

- a. German.
- b. English
- c. French
- d. Italian

If you make a mistake or think you that you have been wrong, cross out the wrong option  and circle the correct one. For example:

1. This text is in \_\_\_\_\_

- German
- b. English
- c. French
- d. Italian

In other questions, you must write the full answer in English.

Write all your answers in blue or black ink and do not write anything in the small boxes below.

You have a maximum of 60 minutes to answer the test.

Notes.

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1. Where in Mars does Spirit land?

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2. In order to find evidence for water, the rovers are fitted with two different kinds of instruments. What are they?

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3. When the speaker refers to the vehicles as "These golf-car sized rovers [...]" he means ...

- A. they were very powerful
- B. they were expensive
- C. they were small
- D. they were resistant

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4. What does the speaker mean when he uses expressions such as "scientists can only guess" or "would seem to indicate" or "appeared to be" or "could have sustained"?

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5. Which of these could be a good title for the text?

- A. NASA discovery: There was water in Mars.
- B. NASA succeeds: Mission finds water in Mars.
- C. There was life on Mars, NASA experts say.
- D. The History of NASA Mars exploration.

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6. One of the two vehicles, Opportunity, landed on Mars ...

- A. on January 4<sup>th</sup>.
- B. three weeks before Spirit, the other vehicle.
- C. two weeks before Spirit, the other vehicle.
- D. on January 25th, more or less.

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7. The main mission of the rovers was to ...

- A. take photos of the martian surface.
- B. discover the hidden secrets of Mars.
- C. find if there had been water in Mars.
- D. check for a possible human colonisation.

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8. What makes Mars attractive to scientists?

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9. Write in a few lines your personal opinion about this statement: "Missions to find life in Mars are worth it".

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10. What you have heard comes from:

- A. The News at 9.00 on a TV Channel.
- B. A NASA scientific report.
- C. A TV science documentary.
- D. A science-fiction programme.

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11. You have been asked to write a press release of a Mars Mission. Use the data provided below to write between 180 and 220 words. You will not be marked on data accuracy. Your text **MUST** include these topics:

1. Background of the project, history, development...
2. Description of the mission, its aims
3. Results of the mission
4. Future of this and other martian missions and their aims

**OTHER DATA FROM THE SPIRIT AND OPPORTUNITY MARS MISSION YOU MAY NEED**

- Cost of the program \$820 million
- Launched from Cape Canaveral. Delays due to weather conditions.
- Landed in Mars without problems
- Previous mission: Mars Pathfinder, 1993
- Future mission (fake data): Phoenix Mars Explorer. 2010. Aim: Install research laboratory on martian surface