

# FICTION AND NON-FICTION: OUTER SPACE

## INSTRUCTIONS

**Read the poem and answer the questions that follow.**

### **Our Solar System**

We live on the planet Earth. Our planet is part of a solar system. There are other planets in our solar system. The center of the solar system is the sun.

The planets closest to the sun are called the inner planets. They are the hottest. The inner planets are Mercury, Venus, Earth, and Mars. They are fairly small, and they are rocky like Earth.

The next planets are the outer planets. They are colder. The outer planets are Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune. There is also Pluto. For years, scientists couldn't decide if Pluto was a planet. Right now, Pluto is considered a dwarf planet, smaller than the others!

### **My Trip to Mars**

My family takes the best vacations. Two summers ago, we went to Florida. Last summer, we went to Canada. This summer, we went to Mars. It was the best trip ever!

Mars is a planet next to Earth. It is too far to drive, and there are no roads. So, we rode in a rocket. We flew past stars and comets. Then, we landed on Mars. It is called the Red Planet and is about half the size of Earth. It is also colder than Earth because it is farther from the sun.

We put on our space suits, walked around, and collected rocks. We took a lot of pictures. Then, we got back in our rocket and came home. I can't wait for next summer's trip! Who knows where we'll go!

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1. Which passage is nonfiction? How do you know?

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2. Write three things you learned from the nonfiction passage.

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3. Which passage is fiction? How do you know?

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4. Sometimes fiction contains facts. What facts did you read in the fiction passage?

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