

## Articles

### The Martian

#### Exercise 7

Choose the correct answer of the available possible options.

1. The Martian tells the story of Mark Watney, an astronaut on the Ares 3 mission to Mars. After \_\_\_\_ terrible storm almost destroys the ship and the base.

A. a/an                                      B. the

2. \_\_\_\_ crew of his ship believe he is dead.

A. a/an                                      B. the

3. But Mark does not die in \_\_\_\_ storm and he has been left behind. Alone on the red planet, he has to survive until the next mission to Mars arrives.

A. a/an                                      B. the

4. While this novel is fiction, in some ways it feels like non-fiction. It is very scientific and packed with details about survival on Mars. Watney is \_\_\_\_ botanist and engineer, and he begins to grow food and produce water in his artificial camp.

A. a/an                                      B. the

5. \_\_\_\_ author is Andy Weir, and this is his first published book.

A. a/an                                      B. the

6. In it he has created \_\_\_\_ realistic character.

A. a/an                                      B. the

7. There is a lot of humour in \_\_\_\_ story, and the reader can identify with the emotions (although no one can really imagine what it's like to be on Mars).

A. a/an                                      B. the

8. Watney admits at \_\_\_\_ beginning that he is in deep trouble, but he never gives up.

A. a/an

B. the

9. Without the character of Mark Watney, this book would only be \_\_\_ scientific look at survival on Mars. Instead, what *The Martian* gives us is a realistic look at an intelligent person alone on a planet and trying to survive.

A. a/an

B. the

10. The majority of \_\_\_ plot takes place on Mars and is written in the form of Watney's journal entries.

A. a/an

B. the

11. This diary style makes \_\_\_\_\_ character of Watney very real.

A. a/an

B. the

12. Unfortunately, the other characters in \_\_\_\_\_ book (his fellow crew members, the scientists at NASA on Earth) do not get much development and so they often feel one-dimensional.

A. a/an

B. the

13. I should also mention that \_\_\_\_\_ book is thrilling to read. You will be on the edge of your seat until the very end.

A. a/an

B. the

14. It's good not only for space travel fans and scientists but for anyone who is looking for \_\_\_\_\_ unique and exciting story. *The Martian* was so popular that it was made into a film starring Matt Damon in 2015, but I recommend reading the book first.

A. a/an

B. the