

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

Explanation: New information/referent, HK-

2. ___ crew of his ship believe he is dead.

A. a/an

B. the

Explanation: "of his ship" narrows down referents = HK+

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

Explanation: previously mentioned referent = HK+

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

Explanation: New information, HK- (member of a category)

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

A. a/an

B. the

Explanation: novel implies author = HK+

6. In it he has created ___ realistic character.

A. a/an

B. the

Explanation: New information, HK- (member of a category)

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

Explanation: Previously mentioned, HK+

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

A. a/an

B. the

Explanation: story implies a beginning and an end, HK+

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

Explanation: New information, HK-

