## 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>B. the</b>
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Explanation: Previously mentioned, HK+

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-**

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** 

	<b>Explanation:</b>	story	implies	a	plot, HK+	
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11. This diary style makes \_\_\_\_\_ character of Watney very real.

A. a/an **B. the** 

### Explanation: Previously mentioned + identifiable ("of Watney"), HK+

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** 

**Explanation: Previously mentioned, HK+** 

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** 

Explanation: Previously mentioned, HK+

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

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