

# Mission Name Check

Read a space report and track accurate capitalization.

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NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

## 1 READ AND MARK \_\_\_\_\_ Read it twice

**YOUR JOB** Circle each capital letter used in a proper name, including names of places, organizations, missions, and programs. Underline the first word of every sentence to check its capitalization.

### A Rover on Mars

- ① On July 30, 2020, NASA launched the Mars rover Perseverance from Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in Florida. The mission carried a small helicopter named Ingenuity and a set of cameras, drills, and sensors. After a seven-month trip, Perseverance landed in Jezero Crater on February 18, 2021. Scientists chose this crater because water once flowed there. The rover now studies rocks that may hold clues about Mars's ancient environment. Its findings help teams plan future exploration.
- ② At the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in California, engineers send commands to Perseverance through NASA's Deep Space Network. Radio signals take several minutes to travel between Earth and Mars, so the rover must handle some tasks by itself. During its first years, it collected rock cores and sealed them in sample tubes. In 2021, it recorded images of Ingenuity's first powered flight on another planet.
- ③ Scientists hope future missions can bring the sealed tubes to Earth. NASA calls this larger effort the Mars Sample Return Program. Researchers at universities and laboratories would examine the samples with tools too large for a rover. Their work could reveal when liquid water shaped Jezero Crater and whether the area ever had conditions that could support tiny living organisms. Results would be shared in journals, museums, and classrooms around the world in the future.

## 2 ANSWER WITH EVIDENCE \_\_\_\_\_ Use the passage

1 Copy the rover's name exactly as it appears in paragraph 1.

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2 Copy the full name of the laboratory in paragraph 2.

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3 Copy the two-word place name in paragraph 1 where the rover landed.

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4 Copy the name of the future sample effort in paragraph 3.

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## 3 YOUR TURN \_\_\_\_\_ Your own words

Write two sentences for a space-mission display. Include the name of a real planet, a specific place or organization, and a real mission, and capitalize every proper name and the first word of each sentence.

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**PART 1 • READ AND MARK**

Circle each capital letter used in a proper name, including names of places, organizations, missions, and programs. Underline the first word of every sentence to check its capitalization. Accept any marking that follows this job and points at the right text.

**PART 2 • ANSWERS**

| # | QUESTION                                                            | ANSWER                            |
|---|---------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | Copy the rover's name exactly as it appears in paragraph 1.         | <b>Perseverance</b>               |
| 2 | Copy the full name of the laboratory in paragraph 2.                | <b>Jet Propulsion Laboratory</b>  |
| 3 | Copy the two-word place name in paragraph 1 where the rover landed. | <b>Jezero Crater</b>              |
| 4 | Copy the name of the future sample effort in paragraph 3.           | <b>Mars Sample Return Program</b> |

**PART 3 • YOUR TURN (SAMPLE ANSWER)**

In 2016, NASA's Juno spacecraft entered orbit around Jupiter. The mission sent information about the planet's atmosphere to scientists on Earth.

Accept only answers that match the passage spelling and capitalization. For the open task, accept any two factual sentences that include the required types of names and use correct capitalization.