

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Read the passage and find the meanings of the highlighted words.

The Solar System

The solar system is a vast **expanse** of space that consists of the sun, planets, and other celestial bodies. Our sun, a gigantic ball of burning gas, is at the center of the solar system. It's so massive that it exerts a powerful gravitational pull on everything around it.

One of the most **intriguing** planets in our solar system is Mars. Often referred to as the "Red Planet" due to its reddish appearance, Mars is **unique** for several reasons. Unlike Earth, it has a very thin atmosphere, which means it **lacks** the oxygen we need to breathe. Consequently, any attempt to send astronauts to Mars would require them to bring their own supply of breathable air.

Now, let's **delve into** another fascinating celestial body, Saturn. Saturn is known for its stunning rings, which are made up of tiny pieces of ice and rock that orbit the planet. These rings, although beautiful, are not solid like the ground we walk on. Instead, they consist of countless particles that float and circle around Saturn, creating a mesmerizing spectacle in the night sky.



1 Which of the following is not a synonym of “vast”?

- massive
- gigantic
- varied

2 What is the meaning of “expanse”?

- a dark area
- a wide area
- an area that expands

3 What is the meaning of “unique”?

- unlike anything else
- ordinary
- thick and heavy

4 The rings of Saturn . . .

- are solid.
- are liquid.
- consist of floating particles.

5 What is the meaning of “delve into”?

- deny
- explore
- measure

6 Find a synonym of the word *intriguing* in the passage. _____

