

FOCUS ON **The Planets**

1. Write a letter to a friend describing what you learned about the search for life on Mars.

2. Which planet do you find most interesting? Why?

3. Which planets are gas giants?
 - A. the inner planets
 - B. the outer planets
 - C. the exoplanets

4. What might scientists learn if they find liquid water on a planet?
 - A. The planet might contain rock.
 - B. The planet might be made of gas.
 - C. The planet might support life.

5. What does **samples** mean in this book?

*The rover drilled into the soil. Then it took **samples**.*

- A. small pieces taken from a larger object
- B. probes that can travel to other planets
- C. machines that can break apart rocks

6. What does **missions** mean in this book?

*Recent **missions** have taught scientists more about the planets. In 1997, the first rover landed on Mars.*

- A. schools where people study science
- B. important tasks or operations
- C. people who study other planets

Answer Key:

1. Answers will vary
2. Answers will vary
3. B
4. C
5. A
6. B