

Mars Cloze Reading for Grades 4-6

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Directions: Fill in the correct blanks

Mars has two moons, Phobos and Deimos. Both are small and irregularly shaped and may be \_\_\_\_\_ asteroids. Interestingly, Phobos \_\_\_\_\_ Mars at a distance of only about 5,500 miles away from its center, the closest any moon orbits its \_\_\_\_\_ planet. In fact, if a person were to stand on Phobos and look \_\_\_\_\_ Mars, Mars would look \_\_\_\_\_ 6,400 times larger than the full moon appears from Earth – taking up almost a quarter of the celestial hemisphere. Because Phobos has a \_\_\_\_\_ low orbit, scientists believe it will \_\_\_\_\_ crash into Mars, or, break up into pieces, possibly \_\_\_\_\_ rings around the planet.

Words:

particularly
toward
eventually
orbits
parent
approximately
forming
former