

Meet the Martians

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1.1 What's the book about?

Look at the picture on the front of this book.
What do you think? Write short answers.

- 1 Who are the Martians?
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- 2 Are they happy or unhappy?
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- 3 What are they doing?
.....
- 4 Where are they?
.....
- 5 Why are they there?
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1.2 What happens first?

- 1 Look at the pictures on pages 1–5. Are the sentences right (✓) or wrong (x)?
 - a (page 1) Danuta, Pablo and Ling are at school.
 - b (pages 1–3) They are good friends.
 - c (pages 2–3) They like Mars.
 - d (page 4) Some people *don't* like Mars.
 - e (page 5) *Mars Today* is a book.
- 2 Talk to two or three friends about the building on page 1.
Is it an airport, a hotel, an office? What do you think?

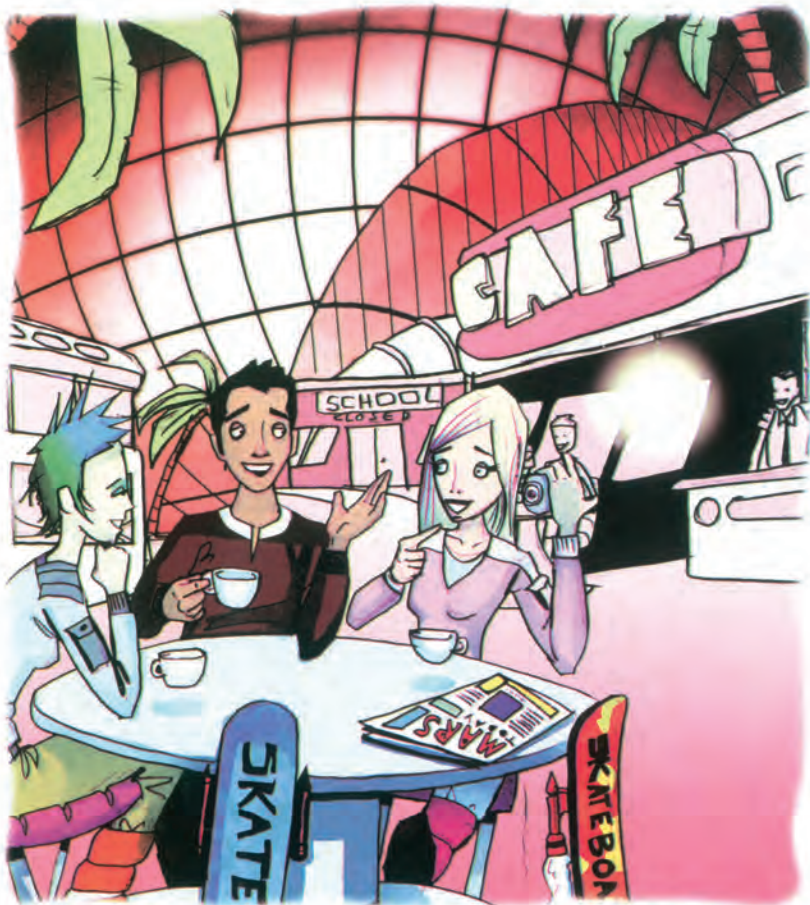
Danuta, Pablo and Ling are friends. They live on Mars and go to a very small school. It only has twelve students.

Today is the first day of their summer holidays.

'Let's have **fun** with our **skateboards** this morning,' Pablo says.

'Can I bring my **camera** and make a film?' Danuta asks.

Ling smiles. 'Yes,' she says. 'That's a good **idea**.'



fun /fʌn/ (n) I always have *fun* at the weekend.

skateboard /'sketbɔ:d/ (n) Go slowly on your *skateboard*. There are small children here.

camera /'kæməɾə/ (n) Look at the *camera* and smile.

idea /aɪ'diə/ (n) Clever people have good *ideas* every day.



Later, Pablo and Ling have fun with their skateboards. Danuta films them with her camera.

‘Can you see me?’ Pablo says.

‘Yes. You’re very good,’ she says.

‘And *I’m* very bad!’ Ling says.

Her **clothes** are red, but she is smiling.



clothes /klaʊðz, klaʊz/ (n) Where do you buy your clothes?

In the afternoon they visit a **volcano**.

'Look,' Danuta says. 'You can see our houses and the school. They're very small.'

Ling looks. 'I love Mars,' she says. 'It's beautiful.'

'Yes, it is ...' Danuta says, '... but some people don't like it.'

'Who?!' Pablo asks. He doesn't understand.

'Come to my house this evening,' Danuta says. 'I can **show** you.'



volcano /vɒl'keɪnəʊ/ (n) Vesuvius is a famous *volcano* in Italy.

show /ʃəʊ/ (v/n) Can you *show* the photographs to me, please?

There is a good *show* on TV at nine o'clock this evening.

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Danuta, Pablo and Ling are not happy. They live on Mars and there are no visitors to their planet. Why not? Mars isn't boring! What can they do? Ling has an answer...

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