

It is the year 2030. Your relatives have moved to Mars to live. Once a month, a space shuttle will blast off from Earth to Mars, sending letters with it. Write a letter to your cousin who lives on Mars telling your cousin what you have been doing since you last communicated with him/her and whether you wish to visit Mars.

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ANSWERS TO WRITING INFORMAL LETTERS

1. Dear Roger,

I am looking forward to your visit this coming June. In your letter, you mentioned that you would like to know more about the tourist attractions here. Let me tell you more about a few attractions that you will probably be interested in visiting.

Sentosa is one of the most popular tourist attractions in Singapore. It is an island and there are many things to see and do there. The beaches in Sentosa are clean and beautiful and if you go during the off-peak periods, you might even have the entire beach to yourself. Since you like the outdoors, water sports and basking under the sun, you will find the place perfect. We can arrange for a game of beach volleyball as well if you do not mind.

Besides Sentosa, Orchard Road is also a favourite haunt of many tourists. It is the shopping district of Singapore. I know you are looking forward to shopping during your trip and trying out the local food. You can find a wide variety of shops and food outlets in Orchard Road.

I can't wait for you to come. Do let me know when you will be arriving and I will meet you at the airport.

Your pen pal,

Jack

2. Dear Janice,

How are you? It has been a long time since I saw you and I miss you very much. I heard from my mother that you have been accepted into the Super Space Programme. I heard that it is one of the most prestigious programmes on Mars through which you get to travel all over outer space to explore the other planets. You are very lucky. I wish I were in the programme too. You must tell me all about it and what you had to do to get accepted into the programme.

When we last communicated, I told you I was going to apply for the astronaut programme. I was accepted into the programme at first but I was forced to leave after just one month as my back was badly injured during one of the training sessions. I can only continue with the programme next month. In the meantime, I am taking up a course on space exploration and space shuttle construction. It is very interesting. Do you remember Annie? She used to go to school with us. She is also doing the course. Both of us hope to visit you in Mars soon.

Do write to me and tell me more about your life on Mars.

Love,

Susan