

Read the text below and answer questions (1 to 7) on the next page.

Decide if the sentences are **True**, **False** or **Not Given** according to the text, and circle the **ONE** correct answer.

Part 1

True/False/Not Give Questions:
Read the **instructions** carefully.
There might be something important, e.g. you must choose only **ONE** answer/option.

Calling Planet Earth

A recent survey suggest that many people believe that space research should be stopped because it is very expensive. They say that it is a waste of money and that there are more urgent needs on earth, such as reducing poverty, saving the environment and finding cures for diseases. These people think that it costs billions of dollars to send astronauts to the moon just to bring back a few rocks.

However, other people believe that it has given us many benefits. First of all, many of the technologies today exist thanks to space research. For example, satellite technology, which we depend on for communication and weather forecasting, personal computers, heart pacemakers and special foods, are all the results of space research. In this way, space programmes, have helped people all over the globe.

Another argument is that we cannot know what will happen in the future, so we must find a way to escape from the Earth by going into space and researching alternative places where we can survive. Gradually, we are learning how humans can live for long periods in space and even live on other planets in the future. It seems to me that if space exploration stopped, we would never have this valuable information.

In conclusion then, while it is true that we face serious problems on our own planet and there are many issues with space exploration, it is important that we continue to explore outer space as it will bring even more benefits, ones that we cannot imagine now, but which will affect us all.

Reading - Skimming & Scanning:

Use your finger or pen as a guide as you read the **text**. This will help you focus.

Remember to **skim** read for overall meaning (main idea) and **scan** for detail.

Reading - Underlining Key Words:

Underline key words as you are reading such as:

- names (look for capital letters)
- dates and times
- numbers
- events



G12 Sample Reading

1. The author believes that space research is expensive.
True False Not Given
2. One of the benefits of space research is that it can help poor people.
True False Not Given
3. The authors believe that one of the benefits of exploring the universe is that astronauts can collect rocks.
True False Not Given
4. Space exploration has helped us to communicate more easily.
True False Not Given
5. Space exploration is the solution if we cannot stay on Earth in the future.
True False Not Given
6. Scientists know how to survive in space for long periods of time.
True False Not Given
7. The author is positive about the impact of space research on the future.
True False Not Given

True / False / Not Given

Remember – if the sentence has the same meaning as the idea in the text it is **true**.

If the sentence says the opposite of the text, or the text makes it impossible, it is **false**.

If the sentence has an idea which is possible but not in the text, it is **not given**.