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Ask Marshall Brain: Why Haven't We Sent Astronauts to Mars?

1. The article describes four major reasons why we haven't sent people to Mars. Briefly explain each of the following:

Reason 1: It's a long trip!

Reason 2: It's physically hard on the astronauts.

Reason 3: It's psychologically hard on the astronauts.

Reason 4: The spaceship would have to be extremely big and heavy.

2. The author suggests that we will someday go to Mars in spite of these hurdles. Would you like to be one of the first visitors? Using complete sentences, give your position, explaining at least two reasons why you would or would not want to go.