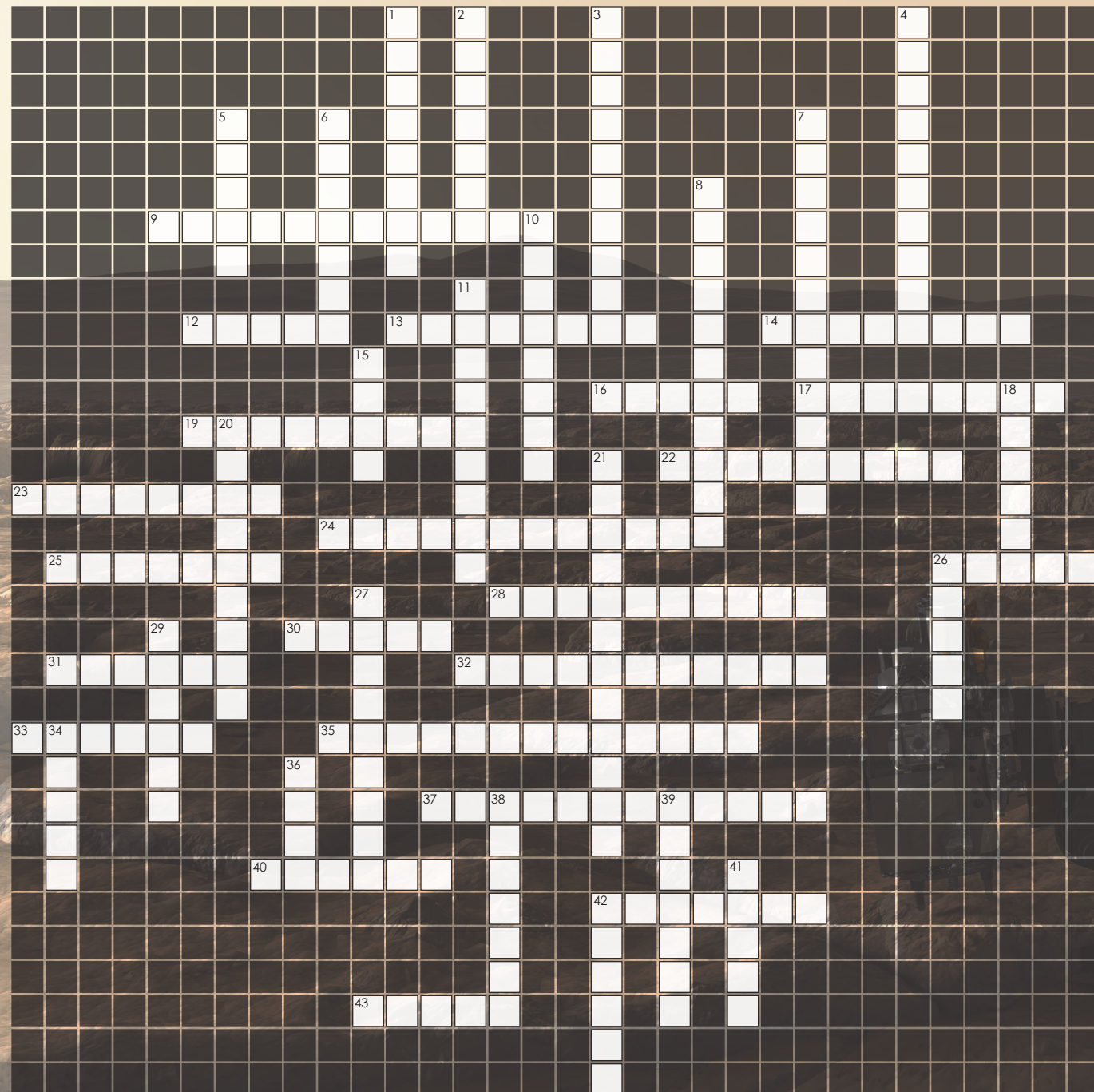


Mission to Mars 2020 **CROSSWORD**

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Mars 2020 is a NASA rover mission with a targeted launch date of July 17, 2020. The rover and its companion helicopter drone are set to land within a Martian crater on February 18, 2021. The mission will investigate the possibility of past life having existed on Mars. The rover will cache sample containers along its route for a potential future Mars sample-return mission.



DOWN:

- The electronics used to control planes, helicopters, drones, and other flying mechanisms.
- Microorganism. Generally microscopic.
- A chemical used to create force to move a rocket in a direction.
- The ability for a robot to act without direct input from a human. The Mars 2020 helicopter will fly itself.
- Acronym for Multi-Mission Radioisotope Thermoelectric Generator. Used to power the Mars 2020 rover.
- Resistance of a body to change velocity.
- Name of the Mars 2020 rover. Tenacity, unwillingness to give up.
- To pollute areas or surfaces with debris or microorganisms.
- A rocket powered raft system that will provide the last, gentle landing stage of the Mars 2020 rover.
- A manufacturing environment free from dust and other contaminants. A room in which the Mars 2020 rover will be assembled.

ACROSS:

- The fourth planet in the solar system.
- Identify the presence of something
- Name of the helicopter riding along with the Mars 2020 rover. A quality of being clever and inventive.
- Studies the potential for life existing and developing on planets other than Earth.
- A detection system. Uses high-frequency waves to detect location, movement, and speed of an object.
- An environment that life can exist or survive in. Begins with "H".
- A synthetic fiber with high tensile strength and often used in bullet-proof vests and parachutes.
- A Greek titan. The name of the rocket type that will launch the Mars 2020 rover.
- Related to geology. A sample taken by boring into soil and taking a cylindrical piece for analysis.
- A rock type typically green in color on Earth's surface. A silicate mineral that weathers easily.
- A protective outer surface of a spacecraft to protect it from the heat of atmospheric re-entry.
- Open source operating system. Used for the Mars 2020 helicopter computer.
- Large bowl shaped cavity typically caused by an explosion or meteorite impact.
- Acronym for Mars Oxygen ISRU Experiment, also a word for determination or nerve.
- The height of an object relative to the ground.
- The number of bacteria on a surface that hasn't been sterilized.
- A cloth canopy used to slow the descent of body from free-fall.
- Tendency of a mineral to break along planar surfaces determined by its crystal lattice.
- An isotope that emits radiation as it decays.
- Very old. The distant past. Life may have existed on Mars in _____ times.
- Helicopter component. A rotating axis of radiating airfoils horizontal to the lifted body.
- An envelope of gases surrounding a planet. Mars has a very thin one.
- Soft, stratified sedimentary rock that can be split easily into fragile slabs. Common on Mars surface.
- The act of a rocket moving up through the air.
- A type of feldspar mineral that is typically transparent, glassy, and brittle. A silicate.
- A dark, fine grained volcanic mineral. The Martian crust consists mainly of this mineral.
- A layered rock created by cyanobacteria. Theorized to be near the Mars 2020 landing site.
- AKA chemical or molecular fossil. Can provide scientific evidence of past or present life on a surface.
- The crater landing site for the Mars 2020 rover. Named for a town in Bosnia and Herzegovina.
- Along the same axis.
- A collection of items in a secure place. The Mars 2020 rover will place samples in this.