

1. Circle the correct word(s).

- a) The red colour of Mars is due to **iron** / **carbon dioxide** in the rocks and dust.
- b) The **ancient Egyptians** / **Chinese** called the planet the 'Fire Star'.
- c) Mars was the Roman god of **life** / **war**.
- d) Mount Everest is **bigger than** / **smaller than** Olympus Mons on Mars.
- e) Mars is a very **cold** / **hot** planet.

2. Complete the sentences according to the text.

- a) The seasons on Mars are extreme because
- b) There is water on Mars, but
- c) 200 years ago astronomers could see
- d) Mars has the largest and in the Solar System.