

Unit 6 Supplementary

Mother's Voice

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Warm up

If you are given an opportunity to go on a one-way trip to Mars, will you accept it? Discuss.



Read the story about the spirit of discovery that prompts a young astronaut to go looking for another world.

When she came to the Moon she looked around and admired the moonscape: 'I never realized it was such a beautiful place'.

He took her along the endless tunnels of Selenopolis, showing her the tall structures, which propped up the star-studded sky.

'It's so easy to walk here, son!'

His mother had still a young, ringing voice: perhaps because she had been such a great singer! So long as he could remember her, she had always liked singing. On holidays, when they had guests, she sang cheerily and enthusiastically, but on weekdays, as she went about the chores, her singing was muted and a little sad. She

even talked in a singsong manner. Now, too, there was something unusual in her voice – perhaps she was excited because it was her first visit to the Moon! As he listened to her familiar voice that was so dear to him, he wondered why it had this ringing sound.

'Back home the orchards are in bloom. There will be a lot of fruit this year, if only the frosts don't strike. Will you come for a holiday in the summer?'

He almost told her about the expedition. The words were on the tip of his tongue, but he checked himself. Why make her worry? Worry. That was it. There was worry in her voice. The words were cheerful but the voice was worried. Had she guessed that this was their parting!