

READ THE PASSAGE Think about how the student report is organized.

A Nice Place to Visit

I would like to explore the moon as an astronaut. It would be fun to wear a spacesuit and stomp on moon dust. The moon's gravity has a weaker pull than on Earth. I would be super strong! I could jump 12 feet (3.7 m) high and lift a 30-pound (17-kg) rock!

But I don't think the moon is a good place to live. Earth has an atmosphere, or a layer of gases. People, animals, and plants need these gases to live. The top layer of the atmosphere is our sky. The moon has no atmosphere, so it has no sky. It would be strange to see only stars and blackness.

Without air, nothing lives on the moon. I would miss trees and plants. And without air, there are no sounds on the moon. Silence all the time would be strange. I like the moon, but I'm not ready to live there.

SKILL PRACTICE Read the item. Write your response.

1. Describe Earth's atmosphere.

2. What is the first paragraph mostly about?

3. There are two facts in the final paragraph. What are they?

STRATEGY PRACTICE Write the main idea and one fact and one opinion from the second paragraph.
