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Part específica: Llengua estrangera - anglès

The Voyager Spacecraft*

The spacecraft Voyager 2 was launched on August 20th, 1977 and is now over 6 billion miles away from Earth. Voyager 1 was launched a fortnight later on a different route and is now nearly 8 billion miles away. The original plan was for the two spacecraft to make a quick four-year tour of Jupiter and Saturn and then retire. Today, a quarter of a century later, both spacecraft are still travelling. They left the planets behind a long time ago and are heading towards interstellar space where the influence of the sun finally begins to disappear. They are now so far away that their signals reach the Earth with a power twenty million times weaker than a digital watch. The Voyagers were never planned to live so long, but the 1970s was a time when NASA had a lot of money to spend, and when it did things, it did them well. The fact is that the Voyagers' mission is not yet over: they may still send us the first information we have ever had about the heliopause: the place where the solar system ends and interstellar space begins.

**Spacecraft: nau espacial.*

1. Reading comprehension (3 points).

- Which was launched first, Voyager 1 or Voyager 2?
- What was the original purpose of the spacecraft?
- Where are the spacecraft now?

2. Vocabulary.

a) Explain the meaning of the following words (1 point)

- tour:
- reach:



b) Find a word in the text with the following meaning (1 point)

b.1) to send a rocket, missile or satellite into the air or into space:

b.2) a period of two weeks:

3. Grammar

a) Complete the sentence for each situation, using the verbs given. (1 point)

- You can't answer a question in your English book. You ask a friend for help, but she doesn't know the answer. She says:

If I (know)the answer, I (tell) you.

- You are planning to go to the beach tomorrow with some friends. You are not sure about the weather, because it sometimes rains at this time of the year. You arrange to meet tomorrow afternoon and say:

If it (rain), we (go) to the cinema instead.

b) Rewrite this sentence in the passive(1 point)

A dog has eaten my sandwich!

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4. Writing (3 points)

Write a composition about an interesting experience you have had in your life.
(100-120 words)