





Where is Mars located?







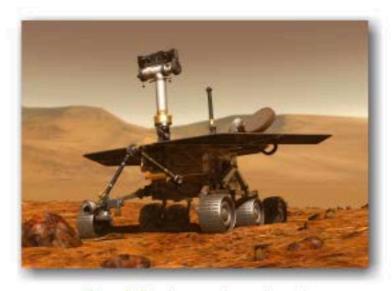
- A) between Jupiter and Saturn
- B) between Earth and Venus
- between Earth and Jupiter
 - **D)** between Mercury and Venus





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In January of 2003, two Mars Exploration Rovers, called Spirit and Opportunity, landed successfully on opposite sides of the planet. This exciting event was the final step in a number of earlier successes and failures at trying to get to Mars.



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In the previous chapter — Blasting Off — you read about the different types of spacecraft that are sent to **explore** a new planet. In 1964, the *Mariner 4* made the first successful flyby. After two more successful flyby missions, an orbiter/lander was sent in 1971.

Exploring Mars

