A. Fill in the blanks with the gerund or infinitive forms of the verbs in parentheses.

(1)_______________ (travel) to Mars might become a reality sooner than you think. Scientists are planning to send astronauts (2)______________________ (explore) Mars in the near future. Even though they know that it may be a risk to send people rather than animals to Mars, they insist on (3)______________________ (use) people. That’s because scientists believe that it’s the only way to find out if there has ever been life on the planet and if there could ever be. “We think it is worth (4)______________________ (check) the chances of being able (5)______________________ (live) there. After all, it doesn’t seem impossible (6)______________________ (create) Earth-like conditions on Mars,” says Professor Huxley from Michigan University.

On the other hand, some other experts in the field object to their colleagues’ (7)______________________ (send) people up there so soon in the experiment. “We need (8)______________________ (study) the planet more before we start doing anything like this. There will be many challenges that we have to consider. For example, how could we get used to (9)______________________ (live) on a planet with such weak gravity?” ask a group of scientists from the same university.

The argument is likely to continue for a long time, and this might be bad news for the ones who are looking forward to (10)______________________ (start) a completely different life.

B. Fill in the blanks with the correct adjective (-d/-ed/-ing) forms of the verbs in parentheses.

Dear Kamala,

I was really (1)______________________ (surprise) to get your letter, as I know that you are having a very busy time at college. I’ve been very busy too, and I can’t wait for the holidays because I’m very (2)______________________ (tire). In your letter, you ask for my advice about the holiday you are planning to take in Europe. I think you should visit Copenhagen or Cracow. Both cities are very (3)______________________ (interest) places to visit, but the weather can be very cold both in Copenhagen and in Cracow, as I’m sure you know. In winter, the days are very short, and it gets dark
very early, which can be a bit (4)_______________ (depress), so it might be a good idea to visit those cities in summer. Fortunately, there are lots of things to do in both. I don’t think you will ever be (5)_______________ (bore). In Cracow, there are a lot of places to go and listen to music, and there are also a lot of cinemas. There is a wonderful museum, which I found absolutely (6)_______________ (fascinate). Copenhagen has lots to offer as well. There are wonderful cafés, and the nightlife is really (7)_______________ (excite), too. I hope that helps you make up your mind. I won’t be at all (8)_______________ (shock) if I hear you’ve decided to visit both cities.

Love,

Mary

GOOD LUCK!!!
Pop Quiz 206
Language Use

PRE-INTERMEDIATE GROUP
ANSWER KEY

A.

1. Travelling
   To travel \( \checkmark \)
2. to explore
3. using
4. checking
5. to live
6. to create
7. sending
8. to study
9. living
10. starting

B.

1. surprised
2. tired
3. interesting
4. depressing
5. bored
6. fascinating
7. exciting
8. shocked