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**Example Answer**

The fact that the narrator is able to describe the Martians in detail suggests that he was interested enough to observe them as closely as he dared, and was fascinated by their appearance. 2

Their slightly familiar features – mouths, lips, eyes that are 'vital and intense', and breathing lungs – make it possible to relate to them and yet be disgusted by them. 2

The narrator says he was 'a battleground of fear and curiosity'. He has a 'passionate longing' to find out about them because they are the first beings ever to come to Earth from another planet, when most people thought that there could be no life elsewhere in the universe. 2

In addition, their 'vital' and 'intense' eyes suggest intelligence, and it is natural for one intelligent creature to be curious about the mind of another. 2

Total: 8

**Guidance**

To do well on this question you need to read the passage carefully, but also use your own imagination. How would you feel if you encountered a Martian for the first time? Most people would be at least a little curious, as well as afraid. Think about why this is, and then add your thoughts to the clues in the text.

**Marking**

To gain full marks, you need to show a combination of careful reading, reasoning and imagination. So you will need to make four main points, each supported by evidence from the text, some reasoning, and an imaginative grasp of what it might be like to see a Martian.

Each main point needs to be made clearly and fully. For example, for the last point in the example answer, if you only said, 'The creatures' "vital" and "intense" eyes suggest intelligence,' this would probably only earn 1 out of 2 possible marks.

**Top Tip**

Use your imagination in combination with evidence from the text.