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## The Martian and the Car

Marty Martian was sent to Earth by the Martian government to find life. While on Earth, Marty captured a car and brought it back to Mars. He thought he'd found a good example of life on

Earth. The Martian government does not believe that the car Marty brought back is alive. Marty must stand trial for failing to perform his Martian duties.



At the trial, Marty spoke in his defense. "I first saw these life forms moving along roads in great numbers. They were giving off thick clouds of poisonous waste as they moved. They appeared to have a great deal of energy - some of them moved faster than 60 kilometers per hour. When one of these life forms stopped or slow down, the others behind it responded. They slowed down and gave off a reddish light from the back, and sometimes they would make honking noises. I observed that they would stop to feed on a liquid substance."

Take the part of Marty's defense attorney and make a good case for the car's being alive. Then be the prosecutor and show that the car is a nonliving thing. List your reasons below.

### Defense Attorney (supports Marty)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

### Prosecutor (against Marty)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

### Closing Argument (5-7 complete sentences – write on a separate sheet of lined paper.)

First, choose whether you will be the prosecutor or the defense attorney. You need to present your "closing argument" to the jury. To do this, write a paragraph that summarizes all of your reasons above together to either agree or disagree with Marty.

Your paragraph should include specific statements that support your claim that the car is either alive or not alive. Make sure that you include a conclusion sentence that states whether Marty should be found guilty or not guilty.