

**Where No Craft Has Gone Before-
Starcraft Voyager: Mini Page**

Week of January 11-17, 2014

*CCSS: reading nonfiction – space science;
introducing/reviewing metonymy, acronyms and
analogies within a science textual format.*

**Definition: Metonymy - Metonymy (/mi'tɒnɪmi/ mi-
TONN-ə-mee)^[1] is a figure of speech in which a thing or
concept is called not by its own name but rather by the
name of something associated in meaning with that thing
or concept (Wikipedia). Recent news presented this
example of metonymy: 'The White House announced
the pardoning of the Thanksgiving turkey last week'.
The term 'White House' does not refer to a "white
house;" it refers to the President of the United States.**

1. Which statement in the Mini Page uses a
metonymy? (Extra: Highlight the statements.)

A In the summer of 1977, NASA
launched identical spacecraft,
Voyagers 1 and 2.

B The Mini Page talked with the
Voyager chief scientist to find out
more about spacecraft that are
exploring billions of miles beyond
Earth.

C But five years later, after finishing
their exploration, the spacecraft were
still going strong.

D Twelve years into their journeys,
the Voyagers had completed their new
explorations.

**Definition: Acronym – (Define Acronym at
Dictionary.com) - a word/noun formed from the
initial letters or groups of letters of words in a set
phrase or series of words and pronounced as a
separate word. An example of an acronym is
SCUBA, which is short for 'self-contained
underwater breathing apparatus'.**

2. Which familiar **acronym** is used in the Mini
Page? (Extra: Find the acronym in current or
archived news stories. Find other acronyms in news
and explain their meaning and significance.)

- A ACT
- B NASA
- C SCUBA
- D VIM

3. How long has Voyager 1 traveled in order to
reach space beyond our solar system?

- A about 13 years
- B about 25 years
- C about 37 years
- D about 51 years

4. Which is the best meaning of the term 'state-of-
the-art'?

- A the way to send a message
- B the most valued work of art
- C the science of launching spacecraft
- D the best technology or thinking of the time

5. What device on board the spacecraft is
described as 'state-of-the-art' in the Mini Page?

- A Computer
- B Phonograph
- C Radio transmitter
- D Telescope

6. Which is most like the relationship below?
Jupiter : moon

- A Saturn : ring
- B Mercury : sun
- C NASA : space station
- D Voyager 1 : spacecraft

Ans:

- 1b 4d
- 2b 5b
- 3c 6a