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## On the cover

### 'Curiosity' has landed!

An artist's impression of NASA's Mars Science Laboratory *Curiosity* on the surface of Mars. The rover's mast rises to 2.1m above ground level. It supports two remote-sensing instruments: the Mast Camera for stereo colour viewing of surrounding terrain and material collected by the arm, and the ChemCam instrument, which is a laser that vaporises material from rocks up to about 9m away and spectroscopically determines what elements the rocks are made of. *Curiosity* carries ten instruments in all.

*Inset: Curiosity descending on its large parachute, imaged from orbit by the Mars Reconnaissance Orbiter.*

See Richard McKim's note on the facing page. (NASA/JPL-Caltech).

