

# OUR SOLAR SYSTEM

Our solar system is made up of the Sun and everything that orbits it. This includes eight planets, 146 moons, dwarf planets, comets, asteroids, space rocks, ice and dwarf planets like Pluto.

The eight planets are: Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune. Mercury is the closest to the Sun and Neptune is the farthest.

It takes the Earth 365 days to orbit the Sun. Most of the planets orbit the Sun in orbits shaped like circles. Most of the planets have at least one moon. But, they vary widely in size, temperature and make up.

Astronomers are scientists that study the solar system and everything in it.

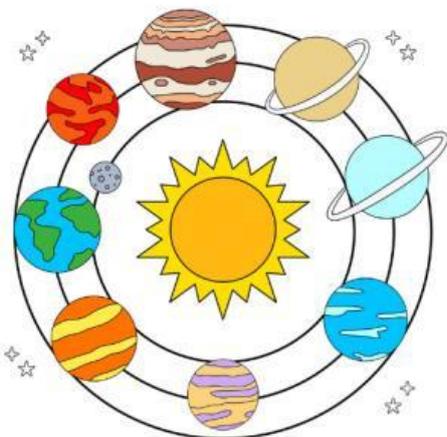
1. What is our solar system made up of? \_\_\_\_\_

2. What orbits the Sun?  
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3. Name the eight planets found in our Solar System?  
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4. What planet is the farthest from the Sun? \_\_\_\_\_

5. How long does it take for the Earth to orbit the Sun? \_\_\_\_\_



6. What is the name of Scientists that study the Solar System?  
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# THE SOLAR SYSTEM

Match the planets to their correct positions, starting from the Sun and moving outward into space.

