

Why is Earth so special?

How many planets are there?

Our planet, Earth, **...has...**eight neighbours. Together they make up a family of nine planets that travel **(1)** the Sun. We call the Sun, and all the space bodies **(2)** whirl around it, the solar system. Along with the Sun and the planets, the solar system also includes mini-planets called asteroids, moons and comets. Our planet is the only one **(3)** the solar system with water and living things on it. That makes it very special. It is the third planet away from the Sun and it gets just the right amount **(4)** heat and light to keep us alive. If it were any **(5)** , it would be too hot to live. Any further away and it would be too cold for life.

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