

# EARTH AND BEYOND 1

1. Listen and write. There is one example:

## THINGS I NEED TO TAKE TO SCHOOL

For walk:

**sunglasses**

1. For sports lessons:

White \_\_\_\_\_

2. For art class:

picture of \_\_\_\_\_

3. A file for:

\_\_\_\_\_ projects

4. For camping:

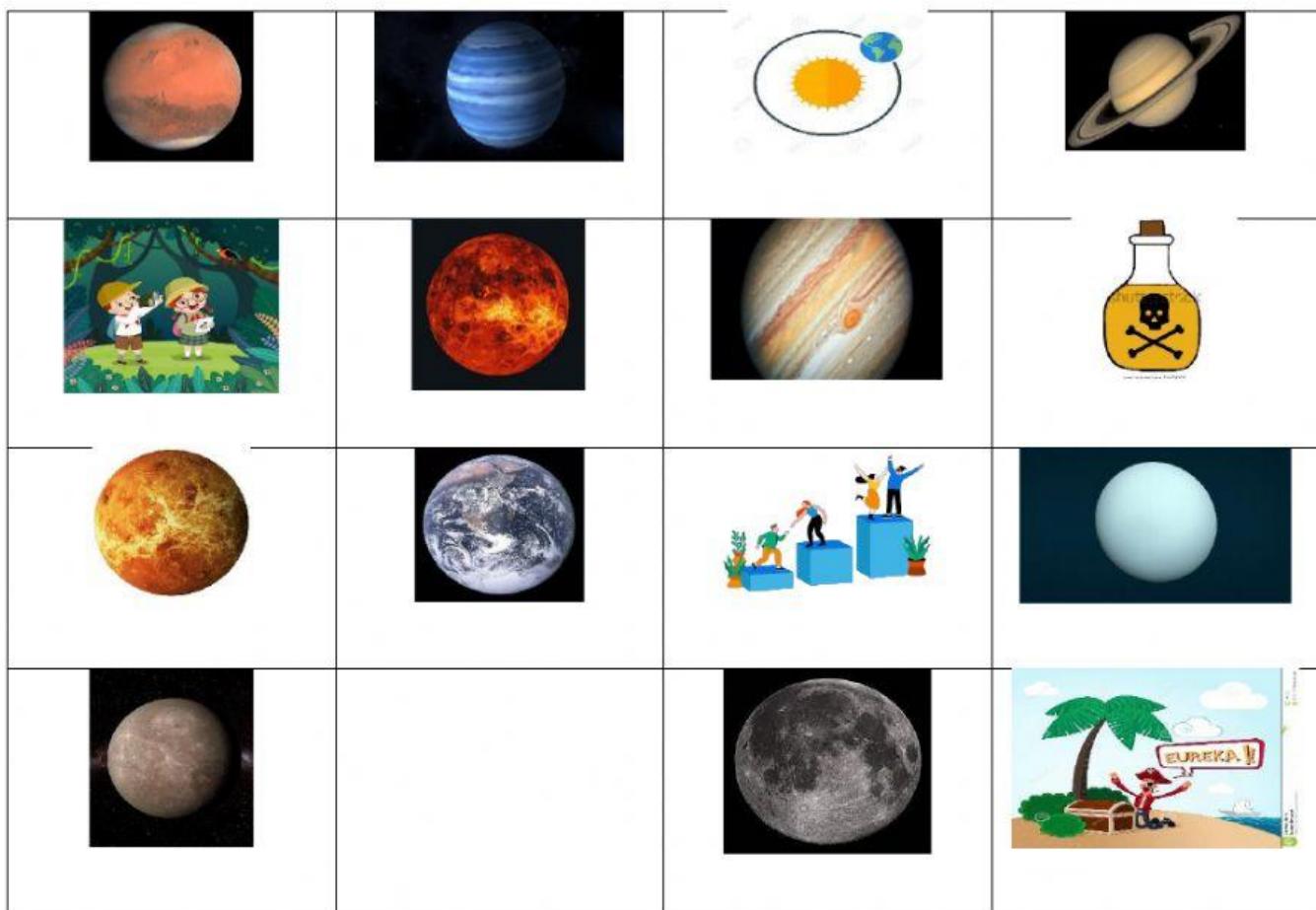
Blue \_\_\_\_\_ shampoo

5. For "pets day":

\_\_\_\_\_

2. Look and match the words in the box with the pictures:

|          |         |           |           |          |
|----------|---------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| Venus    | Neptune | Uranus    | Mars      | Saturn   |
| discover | support | the Sun   | Orbit     | The Moon |
| Mercury  | Jupiter | poisonous | The Earth | explore  |



**3. Read and choose the correct answer:**

How many planets are there in our solar system?

**A.** 11

**B.** 8

**C.** 9

How many days does it take the Moon to orbit the Earth?

**A.** less than 28 days

**B.** more than 28 days

**C.** 365

What orbits the Sun?

**A.** the Earth

**B.** the Moon

**C.** the universe

What is another name for Mars?

**A.** The blue planet

**B.** The red planet

**C.** Luna

What is another the name for Neptune?

**A.** The blue planet

**B.** The red planet

**C.** Ceres

Which is the smallest planet?

**A.** Venus

**B.** Mars

**C.** Mercury

Which is the hottest planet?

**A.** Saturn

**B.** Neptune

**C.** Venus

Which is the biggest planet?

**A.** Uranus

**B.** Jupiter

**C.** The Earth

Which planet is the nearest/ closest planet to the Sun?

**A.** Venus

**B.** Mercury

**C.** Uranus

Which planet is the farthest planet from the Sun?

**A.** Neptune

**B.** Mars

**C.** Saturn

In your opinion, which planet is the most beautiful and why?

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4. Read the text, choose the correct answers, and fill in the blanks: (source: [solarsystem.nasa.gov](http://solarsystem.nasa.gov))

Our solar system (1) \_\_\_\_\_ made up of a star—the Sun—eight planets, 146 moons, a lot of (2) \_\_\_\_\_, asteroids and space rocks, ice, and several dwarf planets, such as Pluto. The eight planets are Mercury, (3) \_\_\_\_\_, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune. Mercury is closest to the Sun. Neptune is the (4) \_\_\_\_\_.

Planets, asteroids, and comets orbit (5) \_\_\_\_\_ Sun. They travel (6) \_\_\_\_\_ our Sun in a flattened circle called an ellipse. It (7) \_\_\_\_\_ the Earth one year to go around the Sun. Mercury goes around the Sun in only 88 days. It takes Pluto, the (8) \_\_\_\_\_ dwarf planet, 248 years to make one trip around the Sun.

Moons (9) \_\_\_\_\_ planets. Right now, Jupiter has the most named moons—50. Mercury and Venus (10) \_\_\_\_\_ have any moons. Earth has one. It is the (11) \_\_\_\_\_ object in our night sky. The Sun, of course, is the brightest (12) \_\_\_\_\_ in our daytime sky. It lights up the moon, planets, comets, and asteroids.

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|-----|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1.  | a. is          | b. are         | c. was         |
| 2.  | a. comet       | b. comets      | c. planet      |
| 3.  | a. Moon        | b. Sun         | c. Venus       |
| 4.  | a. farther     | b. far         | c. farthest    |
| 5.  | a. my          | b. our         | c. their       |
| 6.  | a. around      | b. in          | c. on          |
| 7.  | a. taking      | b. take        | c. takes       |
| 8.  | a. famousest   | b. more famous | c. most famous |
| 9.  | a. orbits      | b. orbit       | c. orbiting    |
| 10. | a. don't       | b. doesn't     | c. isn't       |
| 11. | a. most bright | b. brightest   | c. brighter    |
| 12. | a. object      | b. objects     | c. planet      |

5. Write the COMPARATIVE and SUPERLATIVE forms of the adjectives in the table:

| Adjectives  | Comparative    | Superlative        |
|-------------|----------------|--------------------|
| dangerous   | more dangerous | the most dangerous |
| weak        | weaker         | the weakest        |
| patient     |                |                    |
| intelligent |                |                    |
| deadly      |                |                    |
| good        |                |                    |
| bad         |                |                    |
| dedicated   |                |                    |
| close       |                |                    |
| hot         |                |                    |
| far         |                |                    |
| venomous    |                |                    |
| popular     |                |                    |
| big         |                |                    |
| strong      |                |                    |