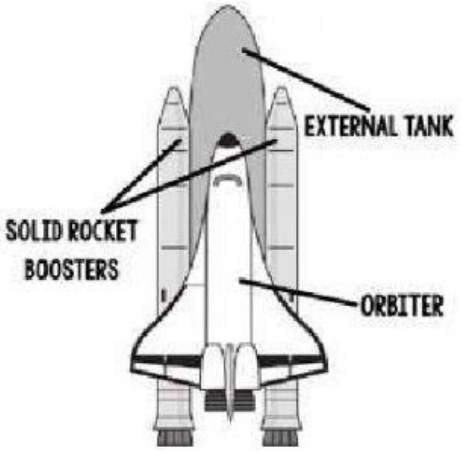
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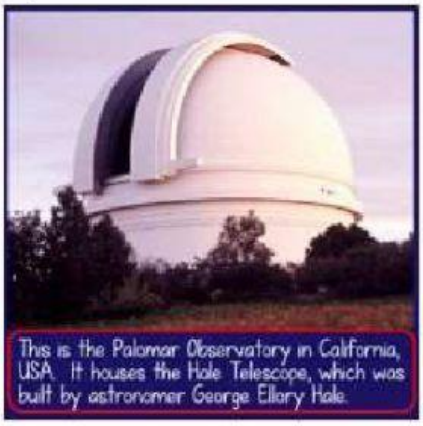
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TEST: NASA

NASA stands for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. NASA is a government agency. It runs the space program and space research. NASA was developed by President Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1958.

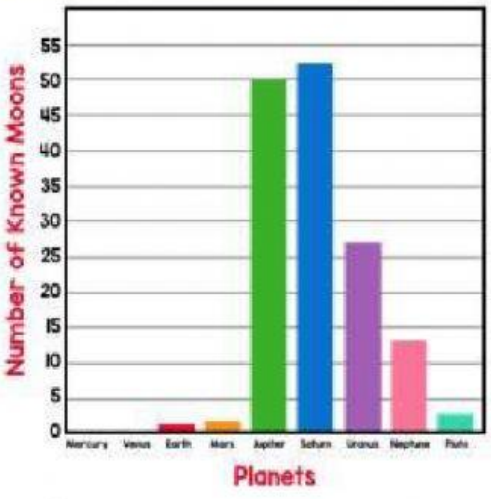
NASA has led space exploration for the United States. We have learned a lot about our planet and universe. An important part of space exploration for the United States was the six manned moon landings. Also, the Skylab space station orbited Earth from 1973-1979. Many observations and experiments were conducted aboard the Skylab. Furthermore, NASA developed the space shuttle. This was the first reusable spacecraft. NASA launched 135 missions from 1981-2011 on the space shuttle from Kennedy Space Center.




This is the Palomar Observatory in California, USA. It houses the Hale Telescope, which was built by astronomer George Ellery Hale.

There are NASA centers across the United States. NASA Headquarters is in Washington DC. The headquarters leads the entire agency. There are ten centers across the country that lead the work NASA does. NASA also has numerous observatories and telescopes.

The research and exploration conducted by NASA has helped us to gain a better understanding of Earth and our universe.





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1. How has NASA helped us learn about our universe? Give three examples from the text or images to prove your answer.



2. What is the purpose of the diagram?

a. to show where Skylab was located
b. to show how many moons each planet has
c. to show where the Palomar Observatory is located
d. to show the parts of the space shuttle



3. Where is the Hale Telescope located?



4. What is the purpose of the graph?



5. Which planets have zero moons?

a. Earth and Mars
b. Venus and Saturn
c. Mercury and Mars
d. Mercury and Venus



6. What is the name of the space center in Florida? According to the text, what is this space center known for?



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