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## **The Solar System**

Instructions: Complete the sentences below by filling in the blanks with the most suitable words from the word box. Words may only be used **once**.

Uranus	Gaseous	Moon	50	Earth	Tall	Mercury	88	Terrestrial
Dwarf	Venus	Mars	Milky Way	Morning Star	Neptune	Ozone Layer		
Stars	Revolution	Rotation	Large	Comet	Orion's Belt			

1. Earth, Venus, Mercury and Mars are referred to as \_\_\_\_\_ planets because they are nearest to the sun.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ is often called the 'Red Planet' because its rocks and soil contain high amounts of iron.
3. The hottest planet in our solar system is \_\_\_\_\_, it is also called the \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The four largest planets are called the \_\_\_\_\_ planets. These include Jupiter, Neptune, Saturn and \_\_\_\_\_.
5. \_\_\_\_\_ is the only planet that can support life which is mainly due to the existence of the \_\_\_\_\_ which protects it from solar radiation.
6. The planet that is closest to the Earth is \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Pluto is now considered to be a \_\_\_\_\_ planet and is no longer the smallest in our solar system.
8. The \_\_\_\_\_ orbits around the planets, Jupiter has as many as sixteen!
9. A \_\_\_\_\_ is an object made up of ice and dust that forms a tail when it passes the sun.
10. Our solar system is in the galaxy known as the \_\_\_\_\_.
11. The two planetary movements of the Earth are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.