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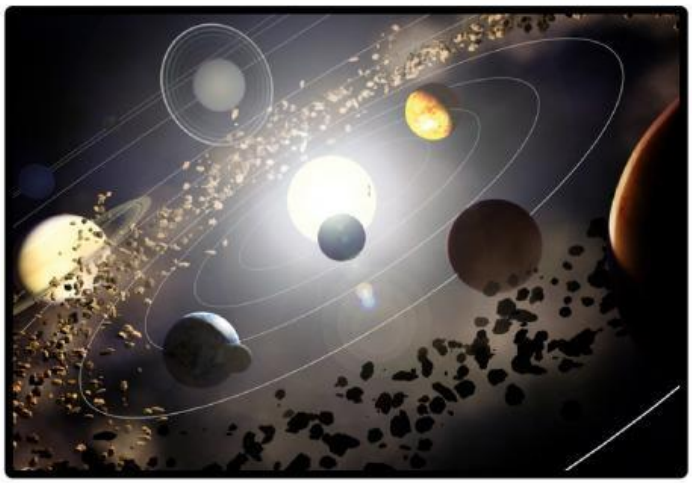
Passage:

The Solar System

The solar system consists of the Sun, eight planets, and their moons. The Sun is the center of the system, and its gravity holds the planets in orbit. The planets vary in size, composition, and distance from the Sun. Earth is the third planet from the Sun, and it is the only known planet to support life.

The first four planets are rocky and are called terrestrial planets: Mercury, Venus, Earth, and Mars. The next four planets are gas giants: Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune. These planets are much larger and are made mostly of gases like hydrogen and helium.

The solar system also contains other objects, such as asteroids, comets, and dwarf planets like Pluto.



Task 1 : Vocabulary Matching: Match the word with its correct definition.

1. Orbit
2. Gravity
3. Terrestrial
4. Dwarf planet
5. Comet

A. A small celestial body that orbits the Sun, often made of ice and dust, and has a bright tail when near the Sun.

B. A planet that is similar to Earth in size and composition.

C. The force that pulls objects toward each other.

D. The path that one object takes around another object in space.

E. A small planet that does not meet all the criteria to be considered a full planet.

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Task 2: Answer the Questions

1. What is at the center of the solar system?

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2. Name the four terrestrial planets.

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3. What makes the gas giants different from the terrestrial planets?

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4. What is the name of the dwarf planet mentioned in the passage?

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Task 3: True or False

Read the statements below and decide if they are true or false.

1. _____ Earth is the second planet from the Sun.
2. _____ Jupiter is a gas giant.
3. _____ Pluto is considered a full planet in our solar system today.
4. _____ The Sun provides gravity that keeps the planets in orbit.
5. _____ The four gas giants are smaller than the terrestrial planets.

Task 4: Fill in the Blanks

Complete the sentences with the correct word from the list: (gravity, Earth, gas giants, Sun, orbit)

1. The _____ is at the center of our solar system.
2. All planets in the solar system _____ around the Sun.
3. The force of _____ keeps the planets in their orbits.
4. _____ is the third planet from the Sun.
5. The _____ are the larger planets made of gases like hydrogen and helium.

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