



A. Complete the sentences with one or two words.

1. There are _____ planets in our solar system
- 3 The closest planet to the Sun is _____.
- 4 The planets revolve around the _____.
- 5 Mercury is the _____ planet in the solar system.
- 6 Venus is the _____ and brightest of all planets.
7. Earth is the _____ planet in our solar system.
8. Mars is known as the _____.
9. Jupiter is the _____ planet in the solar system.
10. Saturn has got beautiful _____ around it.
11. Saturn's rings are made up of _____ and _____.
12. Uranus is the _____ planet.

B Let's read a bit more about the solar system. Read and answer the questions in your folder.

The solar system consists of the Sun, with planets and smaller objects such as asteroids and comets in orbit around it.

The planets

There are eight planets in the solar system. Starting with Mercury, which is the closest to the Sun, the planets are:

- Mercury
- Venus
- Earth
- Mars
- Jupiter
- Saturn
- Uranus
- Neptune

The rocky planets

Mercury, Venus, Earth and Mars are known as the **rocky planets** as they are made of rocks and metals and have a solid surface.

The gas planets

The gas planets are further away from the sun and are much larger than the rocky planets. The four gas planets are: Jupiter, Saturn, Neptune and Uranus.

The sun

All the planets in our solar system orbit the sun. The sun is a **star** not a planet. The sun is roughly 1,300,000 times bigger than the Earth!

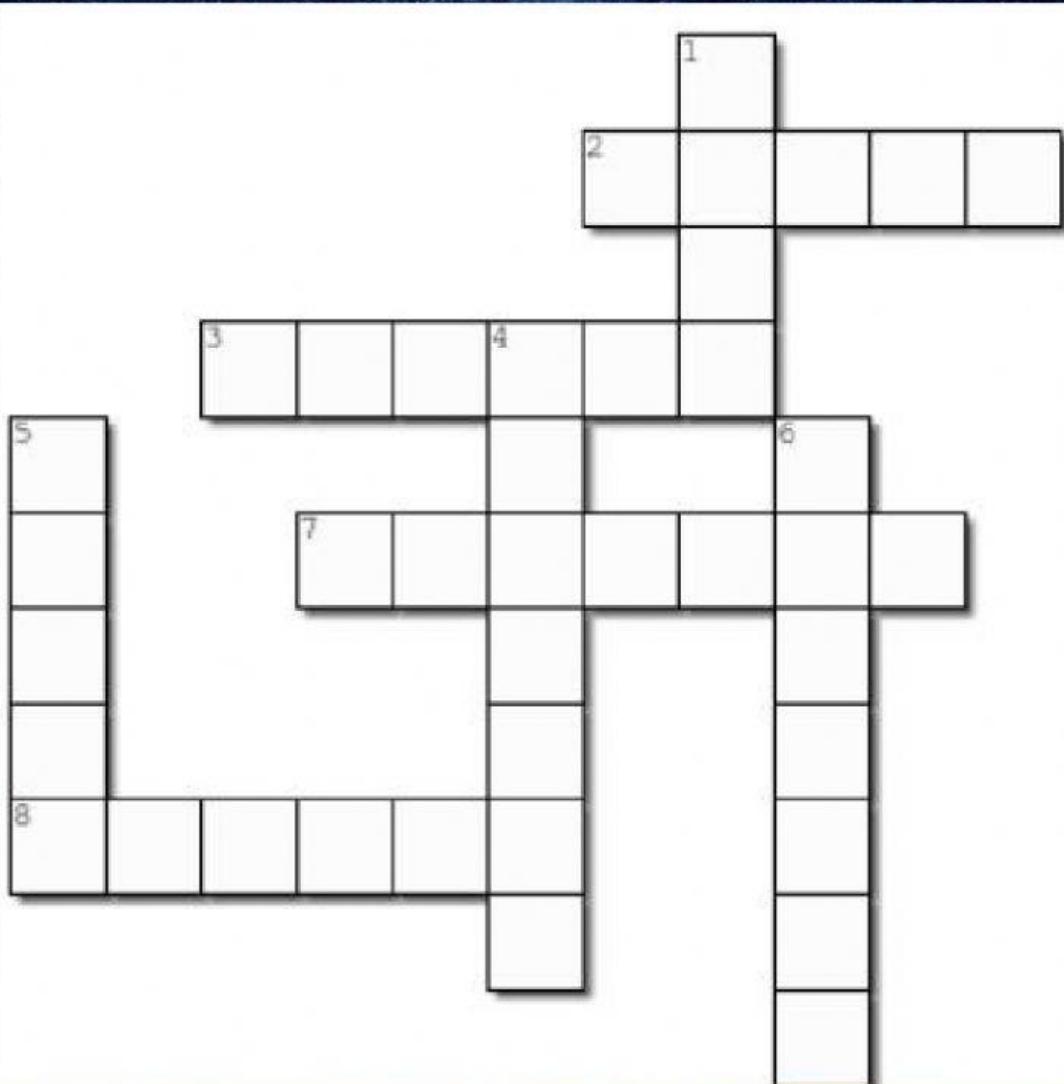
Moons

Moons are natural satellites that orbit a planet. Many planets have moons, and some planets have many moons - Saturn has more than 50. The Earth has just one moon - the Moon.

- ⌚ What does the solar system consist of?
- ⌚ How many planets are there in the solar system?
- ⌚ Which planet is closest to the sun?
- ⌚ Which planet is furthest from the sun?
- ⌚ What's the biggest star in the solar system?
- ⌚ What are the rocky planets made of?

C. Complete the space wordsearch puzzle.

PLANETS OF THE SOLAR SYSTEM



HORIZONTAL

- 2. It has living things
- 3. It is very cold
- 7. It is the biggest planet
- 8. It has rings

VERTICAL

- 1. It is a red planet
- 4. It is far from the Sun
- 5. It is very hot.
- 6. It is very near the Sun.