

Directions: Use the hints in each riddle to figure out the correct term, then write your answer in the space given.

1. I am a category of small planetary bodies that includes Pluto and Eris, smaller than the eight major planets. What group do I belong to?

2. I am the biggest meteorite ever discovered on Earth. I was found in Namibia and remain in the exact spot where I landed. What is my name?

3. I am a massive, long-lasting storm swirling on Jupiter for hundreds of years. What is my name?

4. I am a distant zone past Neptune filled with icy objects, including dwarf planets and many comets. What region am I?

5. I am a chunk of rock from space that makes it through Earth's atmosphere and reaches the ground. What am I?

6. I am a small piece of space rock, even smaller than an asteroid. When I enter Earth's atmosphere, I can create a streak of light in the sky. What am I called?

7. I am a well-known comet that returns to the inner Solar System about every 76 years. Who am I?

8. I rise higher than any other volcano in the Solar System and can be found on Mars. What is my name?

9. I am a belt of rocky debris located between Mars and Jupiter. What is this region called?

10. I am an enormous spherical cloud of icy bodies far beyond Pluto, believed to be the source of long-period comets. What am I?

Directions: Read each instruction carefully.

A. Name the four terrestrial (rocky) planets found in our Solar System.

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2.

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B. Name the five dwarf planets that are officially recognized by the International Astronomical Union (IAU).

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C. List the planets in our Solar System that are classified as gas giants.

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