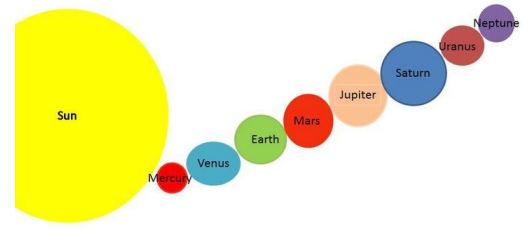


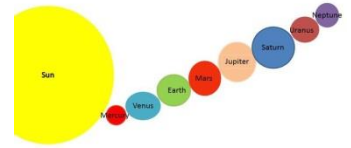
Solar System Reading Comprehension Home learning Task

Below, there are some fantastic facts about space and our Solar System. Read it and ask a grown up to help you with any tricky words or vocabulary. Then, see if you can answer the questions on the next page.



1. Everything in the Solar System **orbits** (moves around) the Sun.
2. The Sun is a **star** - a massive **ball of hot gas** that gives off light and heat.
3. There are **eight planets** that orbit **around the Sun** in our Solar System.
4. The **closest** planet to the Sun is **Mercury**, and the **farthest away** is **Neptune**.
5. The **biggest** planet is **Jupiter**, and the **smallest** planet is **Mercury**.
6. The Earth is the **only** planet that we know has creatures living on it.
7. The Earth **rotates** (spins) as it orbits the Sun. It takes one day to **complete a rotation** (spin).
8. It takes **365 and $\frac{1}{4}$ days** for the Earth to complete one circuit around the Sun. We call this a **year**. Every 4 years, there is a **leap year**, to add up the 4 quarters and make an extra day.
9. You are held onto the surface of the Earth by a **force** called gravity.
10. Not everything in the Solar system orbits **only** around the Sun. The Moon orbits around the Earth.

Solar System Reading Comprehension Questions



Use the reading sheet to help you answer the questions below about space.

1. What does the word **orbit** mean?

2. What is the sun made of?

3. How many planets are there in our solar system?

4. Which planet is nearest to the sun?

5. What is the name of the largest planet in our solar system?

6. What is special about Earth?

7. How long does it take for the Earth to spin around once?

8. How often do we have a leap year and get an extra day?

9. What is the name of the force that keeps us from floating?

10. What word tells us that the moon moves around the Earth?
