

## THE SOLAR SYSTEM

The Sun is a gigantic star that is made up of hot gases called **plasma**. The **solar system** includes the Sun, planets, the moons of each planet, as well as other objects that revolve around the Sun.



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Planets

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The inner

planets include Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune.

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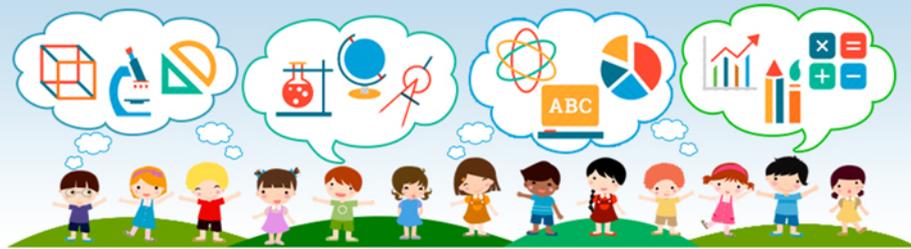
**Mercury** is the closest planet to the Sun and is the second smallest planet in the solar system. Mercury is dry and very hot since it is so close to the Sun.



The second closest planet to the Sun is **Venus**. Venus has no moons and is also very hot and a rocky planet.



**Earth** is the third planet from the Sun and is where we live. Earth is the only planet in the solar system that can support human life. Earth has water, atmosphere that contains oxygen and carbon dioxide, and just the right temper



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The four inner planets are Mercury, Venus, Earth, and Mars. They are the closest planets to the Sun. They have a rocky surface and are much smaller than the outer planets. Venus has a very thick atmosphere and is the hottest planet in the solar system. Earth is the only planet with liquid water on its surface. Mars has a thin atmosphere and is the only planet with polar ice caps.

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The **asteroid belt** is located between Mars and Jupiter. It contains thousands of asteroids. Asteroids are pieces of rock that orbit around the Sun.



The fifth planet from the Sun is



Jupiter is

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The sixth planet from the Sun is **Saturn**. Saturn has rings made of ice and rock that circle around the planet.



The seventh planet from the Sun is **Uranus**. Uranus has 26 moons.



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