

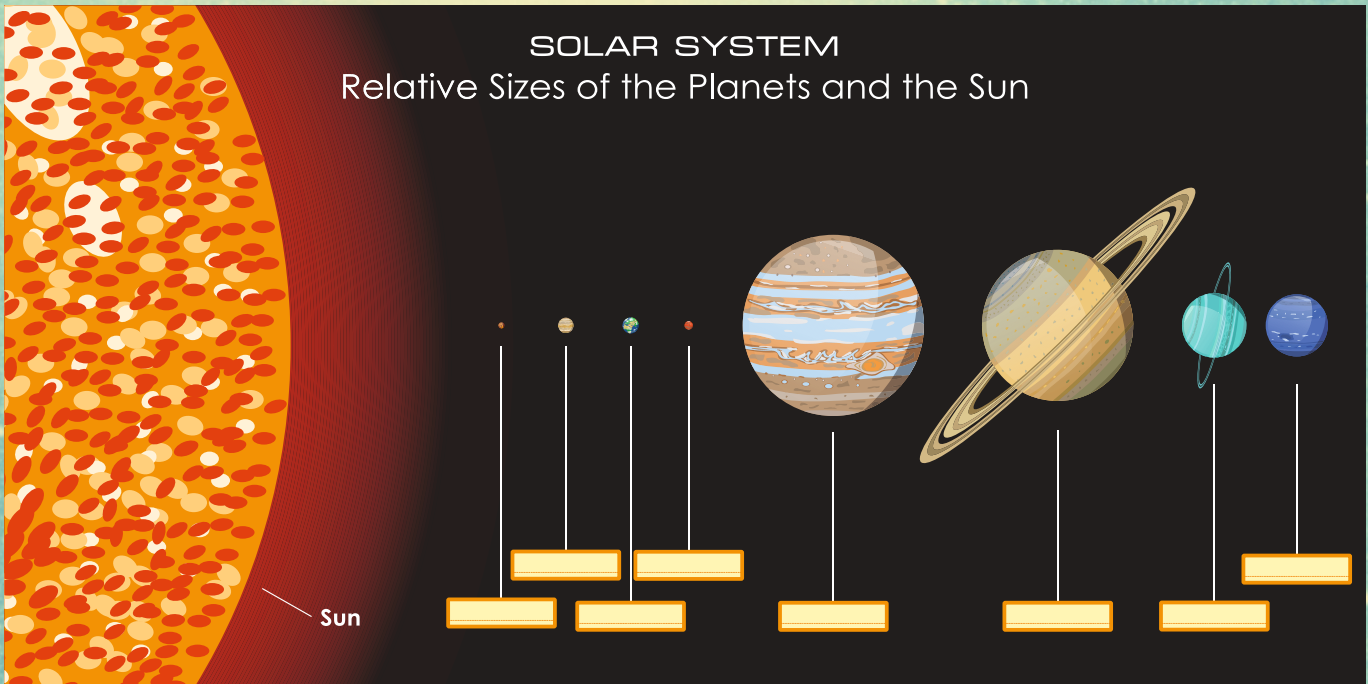
THE SOLAR SYSTEM

The sun is in the centre of our solar system. There are 8 planets, a few small planets, moons, comets, asteroids and meteors, too. All these things turn around the sun.

Mercury is the first planet. It is the closest planet to the sun. It isn't very big and it is very hot. It hasn't got any moons. Venus is the second planet and it is the hottest planet. The third planet is our home, the Earth. The Earth has got a moon. Next comes the red planet, Mars. Mars has got two moons.

There are four more planets in our solar system, but these planets are very far away. The fifth planet is Jupiter and the sixth planet is Saturn. Both of them have got a lot of moons. Jupiter is the biggest planet of our solar system and Saturn is famous for its beautiful rings. Next comes Uranus. This planet is smaller than Saturn but it is very big, too and it is light blue. The last planet is Neptune. It has got three moons. One of them is big, the other two are small.

It is difficult to remember the order of these planets, so let's make it easier. "My Very Excited Mother Just Served Us Noodles". Look at the capital letters. They will tell you the order of the planets.



READING

1. a. Read the text and write the names of the planets into the correct places.

b. Read the text again. Answer these questions.

1- Which planet is closer to the sun?

- a. Mars
- b. Uranus
- c. Jupiter

2- Which two planets are bigger than the others?

- a. Mercury & Neptune
- b. Jupiter & Uranus
- c. Jupiter & Saturn

3- Which sentence is true?

- a. The Earth has got more moons than Mercury.
- b. Mercury is hotter than Venus.
- c. Mars is a blue planet.

4- Which sentence is not true about Saturn?

- a. It's very hot there.
- b. It has got a lot of moons.
- c. It's the second biggest planet.
- d. It has got lovely rings.

PROJECT 

2. Make a research about smaller planets (dwarf planets) in our solar system. What are their names? Draw pictures of them and tell your class about them.