

# Planets of the Solar System

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**Use full sentences to answer these questions.**

How many planets are there in the solar system?

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What other celestial bodies are there in the solar system?

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What name is given to planets that consist mainly of rock?

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What are the other planets classified as?

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Which is the smallest planet in the solar system?

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Write the first letter of each planet, in the order of the distances of the planets from the sun. Try to make up a mnemonic to help you to remember the order.

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## Notes for teachers

This activity should be completed after the pupils have worked on Planets of the Solar System 1. Again, this sheet presents a long list of facts from which the pupils need to sift information, a difficult but very useful skill. Discuss the word mnemonic with the children – do they understand what it is? You may like to give them some examples before they attempt the last question.