



Planets of the Solar System



Some sentences have been split into two parts. Match the two parts of each sentence.

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| Stars, planets and moons | are two of the planets. |
| Astronomers tell us that there | are celestial bodies. |
| Eris and Pluto | are two of the dwarf planets. |
| Mercury and Venus | are eight planets in the solar system. |

Answer these questions using full sentences.

Why are planets and stars known as celestial bodies?

What effects does gravity have?

Write about Pluto. You may wish to find more information such as when it was first discovered.

Notes for teachers

The sheet presents a long list of facts from which the pupils need to sift information, a difficult but very useful skill. The pupils will also be meeting new vocabulary and may need help in decoding some of the words. Read through all the facts with the children, helping them to understand each one if possible. Talk through the questions and encourage the pupils to compose full sentences for their answers. The final two questions require pupils to combine information from the given facts and possibly to add information from other sources.