



Planets of the Solar System 2

Use full sentences to answer these questions.

Why do you think astronomers don't know how many dwarf planets there are?

Write two facts about Mercury.

What celestial body orbits Earth?

What does the name 'gas giants' suggest about four of the planets?

Which of the planets are gas giants? Use your own research skills to find out.

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.

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.