

Planets of the Solar System

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Read these important facts:

- There are eight planets in the solar system.
- There are also at least five dwarf planets in the solar system.
- Astronomers don't know exactly how many dwarf planets there are.
- Pluto is a dwarf planet.
- The eight planets in the solar system, in order of their distance from the sun, are Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune.
- The planet closest to the sun is Mercury.
- The planet furthest from the sun is Neptune.
- Earth is third closest to the sun.
- Jupiter is the largest planet in the solar system.
- The smallest planet in the solar system is Mercury.
- Four planets are composed mainly of rock and are known as terrestrials.
- The four other planets are known as gas giants.
- Some planets have moons that orbit them.
- Earth has one moon.
- Mars has two moons.
- Jupiter has sixty-four moons.