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The Solar System



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LET'S START!

Our **solar system** is made up of the eight planets that orbit our Sun.

There is the inner solar system with the terrestrial planets (*made of rock*) – Mercury, Venus, Earth and Mars.

There is also the outer solar system with the gaseous planets (*made of gas*) – Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune.

Here is a fun way of remembering the order of the planets from the Sun!

Mercury

Venus

Earth

Mars

Jupiter



My **V**ery **E**ducated **M**other

Just



The solar system has also got dwarf planets, moons, comets and asteroids that orbit our Sun.

Let's take a first look at our amazing solar system!




Saturn

Served



Uranus

Us



Neptune

Noodles.



Find someone to test you!

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THE SUN

In many ancient civilisations, the **Sun** was very important. The ancient Greeks called the Sun *Helios*. In ancient Egypt, the god of the Sun was Ra. Every morning, Ra travelled across the sky in a bright boat. He wanted to see all of his lands. Then, in the evening, Ra died. The story of his trip every day explained why the Sun moved across the sky.

The Romans called the Sun *Sol*, which in English means *sun*. This is why our system of planets is called the **solar system**. We cannot live without the Sun. The Sun gives heat and energy to Earth. Our plants even use sunlight to make food.