# Mercury

## Mercury is the closest planet to the Sun.

## Mercury orbits at 29 miles per second.

## Temperatures range from 700 degrees to –300 degrees Fahrenheit.

# Venus

## Venus is the second planet from the Sun.

## Temperature is about 900 degrees Fahrenheit.

## Venus spins backwards on its axis.

# Earth

## Earth is the third planet from the Sun.

## Earth has oceans of water, and an oxygen-rich atmosphere.

## Earth has intelligent life.

## The distance from the surface to the center of the Earth is about 2,000 miles.

# Mars

## Mars is the fourth planet from the Sun.

## Mars is smaller and colder than Earth.

## Temperatures range from 30 degrees to –220 degrees Fahrenheit.

# Jupiter

## Jupiter is the fifth planet from the Sun.

## Jupiter is the largest planet in the solar system.

## Jupiter’s fast rotation causes the clouds to form bands.

## Big red spot in southern hemisphere is a hurricane-like storm.

# Saturn

## Saturn is the sixth planet from the Sun.

## Saturn is known as the “ringed” planet.

## Rings are made of ice and rock.

## Winds at the equator reach speeds of 1,100 miles per hour.

# Uranus

## Uranus is the seventh planet from the Sun.

## Uranus is the third largest planet in the solar system.

## Named after the father of Saturn in Roman mythology.

## Summers and winters on Uranus last 42 years.

# Neptune

## Neptune is the eighth planet from the Sun.

## Neptune is the fourth-largest planet in the solar system.

## Neptune is sometimes further from the Sun than Pluto.

# Pluto

## Pluto is the ninth planet from the Sun.

## Pluto is smaller than the Earth’s moon.

## Pluto is the smallest planet.

## Pluto has an elliptical orbit.