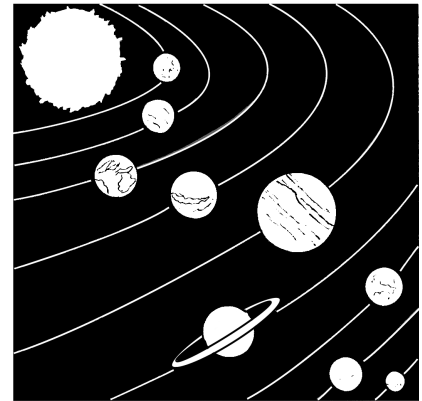


The Planets / School trip to the Moon

1 Complete the words with *a, e, i, o* or *u*.

- 1 M e rc u ry 2 _ _ rth 3 S _ t _ rn
4 _ r _ n _ s 5 Pl _ t _ 6 N _ pt _ n _
7 J _ p _ t _ r 8 M _ rs 9 V _ n _ s



2 Circle *True* or *False*.

- | | | |
|--|------|--|
| 1 The Earth is 600 million kilometres away from the sun. | True | <input checked="" type="radio"/> False |
| 2 The sun is a star. It's bigger than the Earth. | True | <input type="radio"/> False |
| 3 There are twenty planets in the solar system. | True | <input type="radio"/> False |
| 4 Mercury takes 88 years to go round the sun. | True | <input type="radio"/> False |
| 5 The first spacecraft on Mars was in 1999. | True | <input type="radio"/> False |
| 6 Venus is the brightest and hottest planet. | True | <input type="radio"/> False |
| 7 Pluto is the smallest planet. | True | <input type="radio"/> False |

3 Answer the questions.

- 1 How many planets are there in the solar system?
nine
- 2 How much of the Earth is water?

- 3 How far away is the Earth from the sun?

- 4 How long does it take the Earth to go around the sun?

- 5 Where is the largest volcano in the solar system?

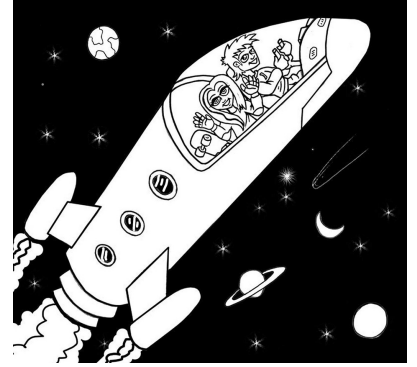
- 6 What's the nearest planet to the sun?

- 7 What's the biggest planet in the solar system?

4 Read and complete the text.

sleeping teacher Moon skateboarding land special rocket ~~school~~

Millie and Sanjay are on a (1) school trip to the science museum. They escape and go (2) _____. They climb into a (3) _____ and it takes off. They eat (4) _____ food, do exercise and sleep in (5) _____ bags. Then they (6) _____ again and find their (7) _____ and school friends. Millie and Sanjay tell them about their trip to the (8) _____.



5 Read and match.

- | | |
|--------------------------|---|
| 1 Astronauts eat | a safety belts when they are sleeping. |
| 2 Astronauts drink | b special food on trays. |
| 3 Astronauts need to | c because there isn't much gravity on the Moon. |
| 4 Astronauts wear | d from a bag with a straw. |
| 5 Astronauts don't sleep | e in a bed. |
| 6 Astronauts fly | f exercise a lot. |

6 Write your opinion.

Planets

I think the most interesting fact about the planets is that

_____.

(there are volcanoes on some planets in the solar system / some planets have got a lot of moons / ...)

I think it's amazing that

_____.

(Pluto takes 247.7 years to go around the sun / Jupiter is a gas planet / ...)

School trip to the Moon

My favourite character in the story is _____.

(Mr Morgan / Millie / ...)

I think the story is

_____.

(exciting / interesting / ...)

I like the part when

_____.

(they go into the rocket / they go skateboarding in the museum / ...)

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1

2 Earth, 3 Saturn, 4 Uranus, 5 Pluto,
6 Neptune, 7 Jupiter, 8 Mars, 9 Venus

2

2 True, 3 False, 4 False, 5 False, 6 True,
7 True

3

2 71%, 3 149 million km, 4 1 year,
5 Mars, 6 Mercury, 7 Jupiter

4

2 skateboarding, 3 rocket, 4 special,
5 sleeping, 6 land, 7 teacher, 8 Moon

5

2 d, 3 f, 4 a, 5 e, 6 c

6

Children's own answers.