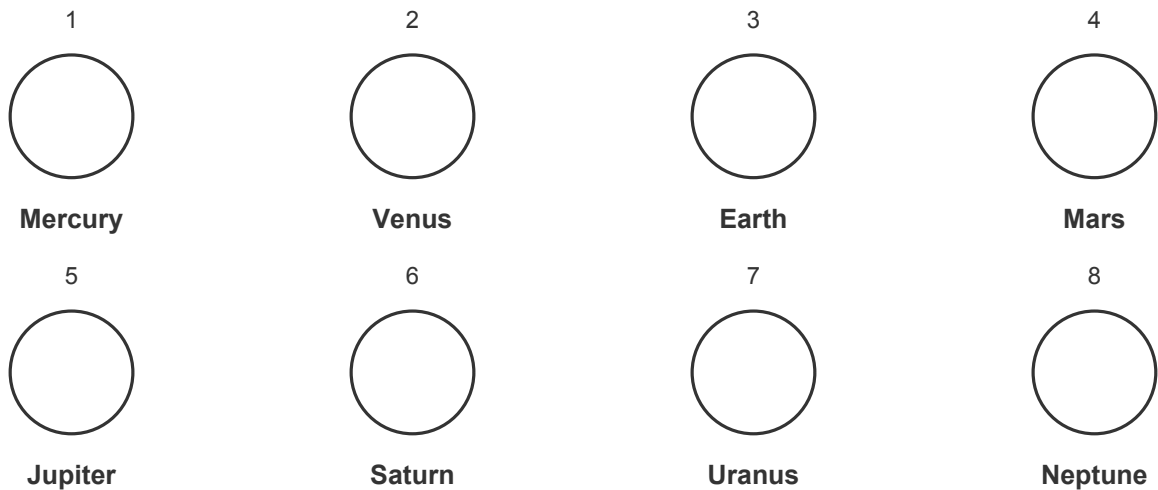


Our home and its neighbours

Eight planets in order from the Sun. Sizes and distances are not to scale.

Name: _____ Date: _____

1. Circle Earth. Add rings to Saturn.



2. Choose two planets. Draw a detail that helps you recognize each.

Planet: _____

Planet: _____

3. The Sun is a... Circle one.

star

planet



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Find our home in the solar system

10-minute lesson | Suggested ages 5-8, with adult support

THE TEN-MINUTE PLAN

0-2 min | Find our home

Ask: Which planet do we live on? Show the eight names in order from the Sun. Count together until Earth, the third planet. Explain that the Sun is a star.

2-5 min | Meet two neighbours

Open Meet the planets. Select Earth and Saturn and look for a detail that helps identify each. Pause the automatic turn for a closer look. Invite one more planet choice and ask children to compare what they notice.

5-8 min | Draw a planet clue

Children circle Earth on the worksheet and add rings to Saturn. Each chooses two planets to draw in the boxes, adding a feature from the model. They can point to the printed names if writing them takes too long. Read the final choice aloud.

8-10 min | Share and check

Ask children to show one drawing and explain their planet clue. Check that they can find Earth and call the Sun a star. Remind them that the worksheet circles show order, not real sizes or distances.

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Science reference: NASA

<https://science.nasa.gov/solar-system/planets/>

Learning goal

Children can locate Earth among the eight planets, recognize one feature of another planet, and identify the Sun as a star.

Before the lesson

One shared screen, a pencil, and page 1 of the worksheet for each child or pair. No colour printing needed.

Suggested answers

1. Earth is number 3 and Saturn is number 6. Circle Earth and draw rings around Saturn.
2. Accept recognizable clues such as Earth's oceans, Saturn's rings, Mars's reddish colour described in words, or Jupiter's bands. Drawings need not be artistically accurate.
3. The correct final choice is star. The eight planets are Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune.

Adapt it

For younger children, draw one planet and explain it aloud. For an extra challenge, ask a partner to identify a drawing from its feature before hearing the planet's name. Saturn is not the only planet with rings.



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