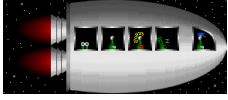


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The Solar System

Read: You are the captain of the USS Copernicus. Your job is to safely take your new crew on a voyage through the Solar System. Before you can leave you must prepare yourself by gathering as much information as possible about the Solar System. Here is a list of questions to help you prepare for your voyage.

Hint: Visit http://www.KidsAstronomy.com/solar_index.htm to find the answers.



1. If you leave the Earth traveling towards the Sun which planet will you come to first?

Pluto	Neptune
Venus	Mercury
2. Which planet has the strongest gravity?

Jupiter	Earth
Saturn	Mars
3. Which planet does not have rings?

Uranus	Jupiter
Mercury	Saturn
4. Which of the following planets has no moons?

Earth	Venus
Mars	Saturn
5. In your own words, what does Pluto mean?

6. Would you want to land your ship on Jupiter's moon Io? Why, or why not?

7. What part of the Solar System do you think is most interesting? Why?

Match: Draw a line connecting each of the following features with its planet. Some features might belong to more than one planet.

8. Pacific Ocean	Mercury
9. Great Red Spot	Venus
	Earth
10. Rings	Mars
11. Moons	Jupiter
12. You	Saturn
13. Plants and Animals	Uranus
14. Oxygen Rich Atmosphere	Neptune
15. Largest Canyon	Pluto