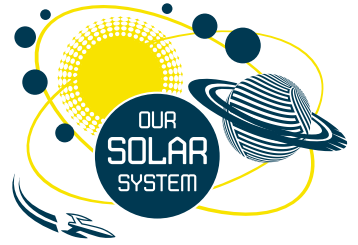


Our Solar System

Pick a planet



Name/s: _____

Use the following questions to guide your research about a planet in our Solar System. There are some suggested websites to visit, but you can also research more broadly. Make sure you check, record and reference your sources.

Useful websites:

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) - www.nasa.gov

Canberra Deep Space Communication Network - www.cdscn.nasa.gov

CSIRO - www.csiro.au

European Space Agency - www.esa.int

National Geographic - www.nationalgeographic.com

Research questions:

- Where is the planet located in our Solar System?
- What is the composition of the planet (gas, rocks, ice etc.)?
- What does the planet look like?
- What are the planets statistics (mass, diameter, distance from the sun, orbit time, rotation time, temperature range etc.)?
- When was the planet discovered, how and by whom?
- How long would it take to travel from Earth to this planet?
- Does your planet have moons? How many? What are they called? When were they discovered?
- What is special, or particularly interesting, about your planet?

