Planet Card Game (Front)

Sun  Mercury  Venus  Earth  Mars
Jupiter  Saturn  Uranus  Neptune  Pluto
**Mars**  
Mars is half the size of Earth. Its surface is red because it contains a lot of rusted iron. It has many extinct volcanoes and the highest mountain in the whole Solar System, Olympus Mons, with a height of 22 kilometres! A long time ago, there was once a lot of liquid water on Mars. Mars has two very small moons.

*Question:* Which planet is sometimes farther away from the Sun than Pluto?

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**Earth**  4

The Earth is very beautiful: it is the only planet with liquid water and air to breathe! And the only we know to harbour life. Its atmosphere protects us from meteorite impacts. The Earth takes one year to travel around the Sun once. It only has one moon.

*Question:* Which planet has the only one with fluid water and a lot of oxygen?

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**Venus**  3

Venus is as big as the Earth and called the Earth’s twin sister. A cloud cover with toxic air completely covers its surface, which is why the weather is always bad there! During the day as well as at night, it is very hot there: almost 500 degrees!

*Question:* Which planet is the hottest body of our Solar System?

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**Mercury**  2

Mercury is the planet nearest to the Sun. Like Venus, Earth and Mars it is a rocky planet (so it has a solid ground). Its surface is full of craters, like that of our Moon. It travels around the Sun in only 88 days!

*Question:* Which planet was formerly the smallest of all planets and is now a dwarf planet?

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**Sun**  1

The Sun is a star, the only one in our Solar System. The Earth and the other planets circle around the Sun. In comparison with the Earth, the Sun is a giant! It is a very hot ball of gas that gives us light and heat.

*Question:* Which planet is famous for its rings?

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**Pluto**  10

Pluto has been a dwarf planet since 2006. Until then, it was the smallest planet in our Solar System and the farthest away from the Sun. It consists of rock and eternal ice. It has one large, two small, and two tiny moons. We know four other dwarf planets: Ceres, Haumea, Makemake, and Eris.

*Question:* Which planet is the only one with fluid water and is now dry?

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**Neptune**  9

Like Uranus, Neptune is blue as well. White clouds sweep across its surface at 1,000 kilometres per hour. Neptune’s orbit sometimes crosses that of Pluto and then, Neptune is farther away from the Sun than Pluto for some time. Neptune has a very thin ring system and at least 14 moons.

*Question:* Which planet is the largest of all planets of our Solar System?

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**Uranus**  8

Uranus is made up of gas and has a thin ring which stands on its outer edge. Its surface is very smooth. It has 27 moons.

*Question:* Which planet has very toxic air?

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**Saturn**  7

Saturn is surrounded by nice, big rings. They consist of thousands of small ice particles. Saturn is so light that it would float and not sink in water. It has many moons: more than 60

*Question:* Which planet is famous for its rings?

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**Jupiter**  6

Jupiter is the largest and heaviest of all planets. As all giant planets, it is made up of gas and has no solid ground. It has a red spot which is twice the size of the Earth.

*Question:* Which planet has very toxic air?