

Planets

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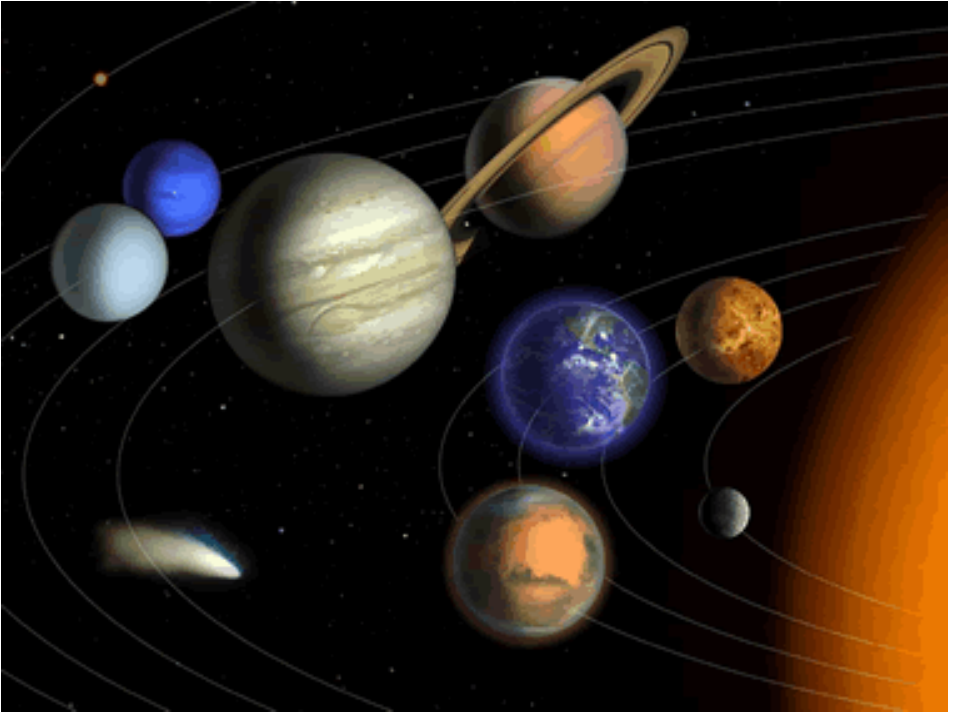


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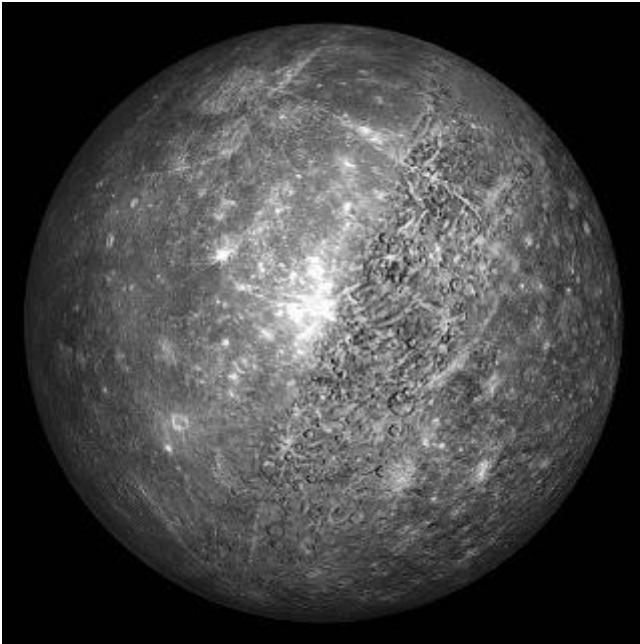
Introduction

Our **solar system** is made up of eight planets that orbit the Sun. They are: Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune.



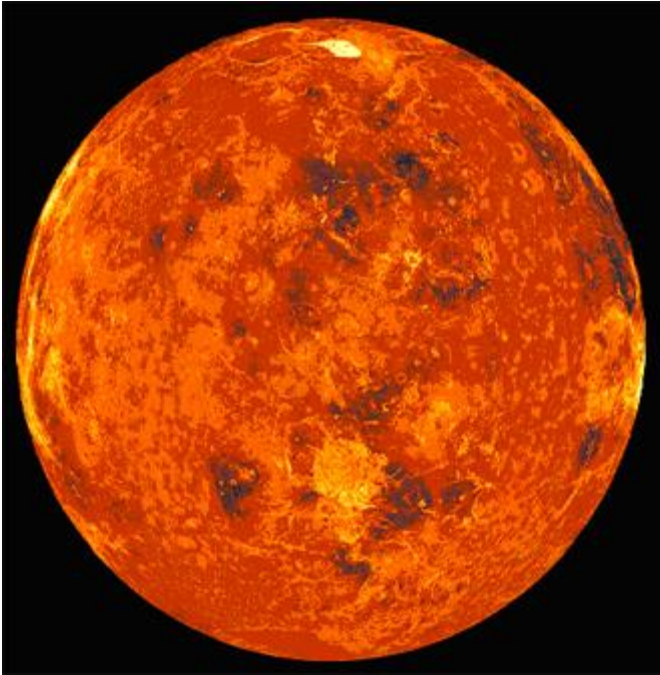
Mercury

Mercury is the closest planet to the Sun. It is also the smallest of the eight planets. The surface looks a lot like the Moon because it is covered in craters.



Venus

Venus is the hottest of the eight planets. It is way hotter than an oven. Venus is almost the same size as Earth.



Earth

This is the planet that we live on.

Earth has a moon that lights up our sky at night. Earth also has volcanoes and oceans on it.



Mars

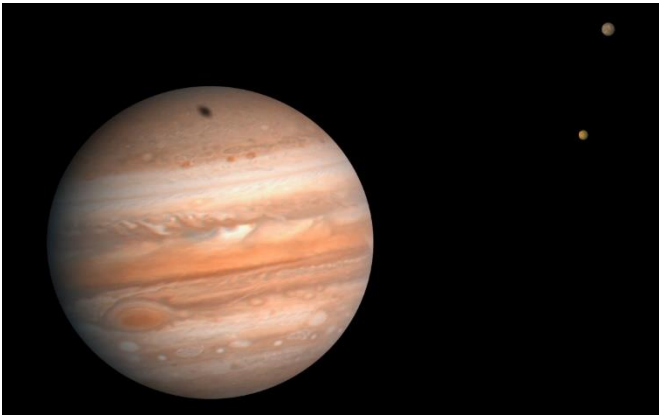
Mars has old volcanoes that are taller than the mountains on Earth. There are old rivers on the surface that do not have water in them anymore.



Jupiter

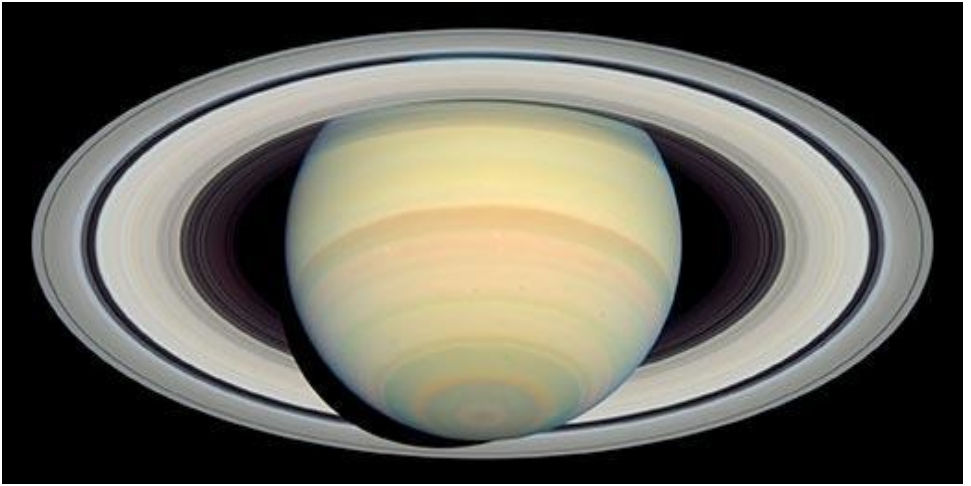
Jupiter is much larger than Earth.

It has four moons: Io, Europa, Ganymede,
and Callisto.



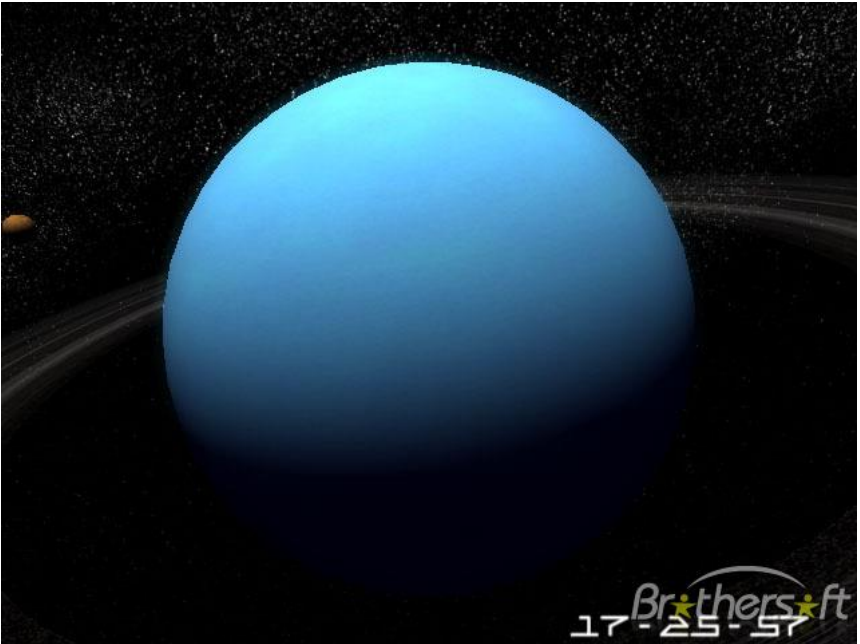
Saturn

Saturn has rings that circle the planet. The rings are made of ice and rock.



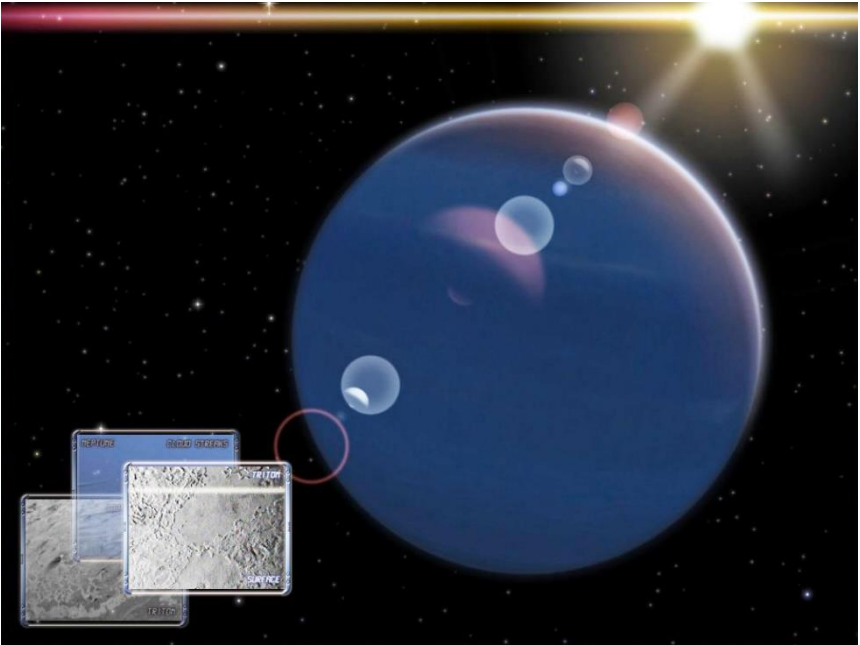
Uranus

Uranus is blue-green in color. It is **tilted** on its side, unlike the rest of the planets.



Neptune

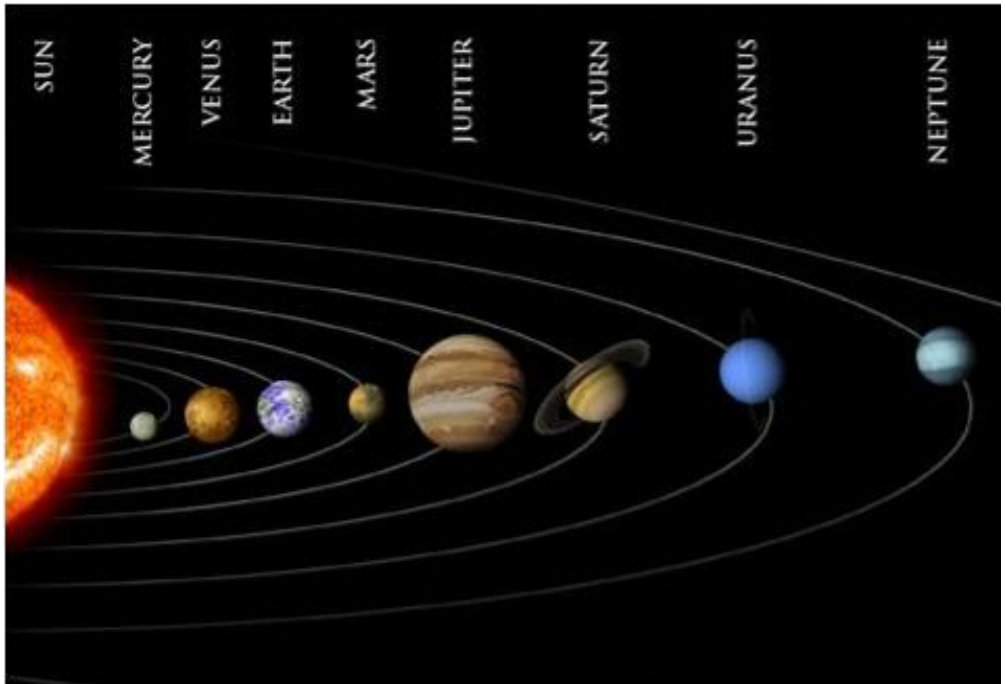
Neptune is very blue. It has a few moons but its biggest moon is named Triton.



Summary

The planets that you have just seen are in the exact order from the Sun.

Below is a picture of the order of the planets.



Questions

What is the smallest planet in our solar system?

How many moons does Jupiter have?

What are Saturn's rings made of?

Glossary

Solar System: This is the eight planets and their moons orbiting around the Sun.

Tilted: This means that it is tipped or it leans on its side. It is not straight.

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