Year 5 Science Workout: The Sun and Planets

We live on a planet called the Earth. It is one of the planets going around the Sun.

1. Circle the right words in **bold** to make the sentences below correct:

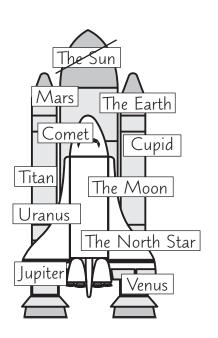
There are six / eight planets around our Sun.

The Sun and planets make up the **solar** / **moon** system.

The Sun is a large moon / star in the centre of the planets / Earth.

Which of the words on the rocket on the right are planets going around our Sun and which are not? Put the words into the right columns on this table. One has been done for you.

Planets	Not planets
	The Sun

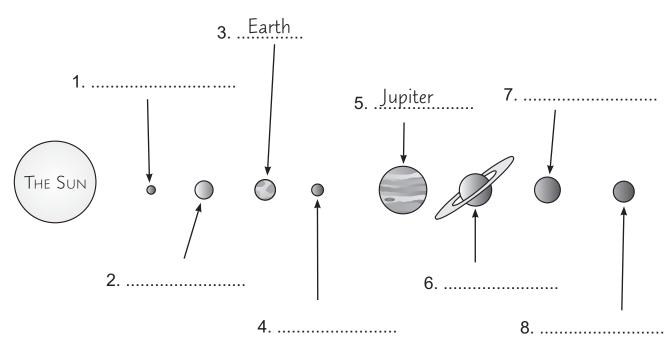


3.	Name two planets in our solar system that aren't mentioned in question 2.		
	1		
	2		
4.	Which planet is closest to the Sun ? Put a tick (✔) in the box next to your answer.		
	Earth Neptune Mercury		
5.	Why is it dangerous to look directly at the Sun?		

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This is a picture of our solar system.
Write in the missing names of the planets. Some have been done for you.



7. Not all of these sentences about the solar system are correct. Tick (🗸) true or false for each one.

	TRUE	FALSE
Mercury is a planet.		
There are no stars in our solar system.		
Pluto is a planet.		
Earth is the only planet with a moon.		
Jupiter is the biggest planet.		

INVESTIGATE

Look in a book or on the Internet to find out up to five facts about each planet. Use those facts to make a leaflet about our solar system. Include a picture of each planet.

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Year 5 Science Workout: Answers

- 1. These words should be circled: eight, solar, star, planets.
- 2. Planets: Mars, the Earth, Uranus, Jupiter, Venus. Not Planets: Comet, Cupid, Titan, the Moon, the North Star.
- 3. Mercury, Saturn, Neptune
- 4. Mercury
- 5. Because you might damage your eyes.
- 6. 1 Mercury, 2 Venus, 4 Mars, 6 Saturn, 7 Uranus, 8 Neptune.
- 7. true, false, false, false, true

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