



The solar system - ANSWERS

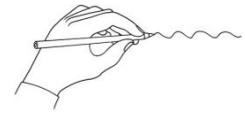
Level 2

Are you interested in space and the solar system? Practise your reading in English with this text.

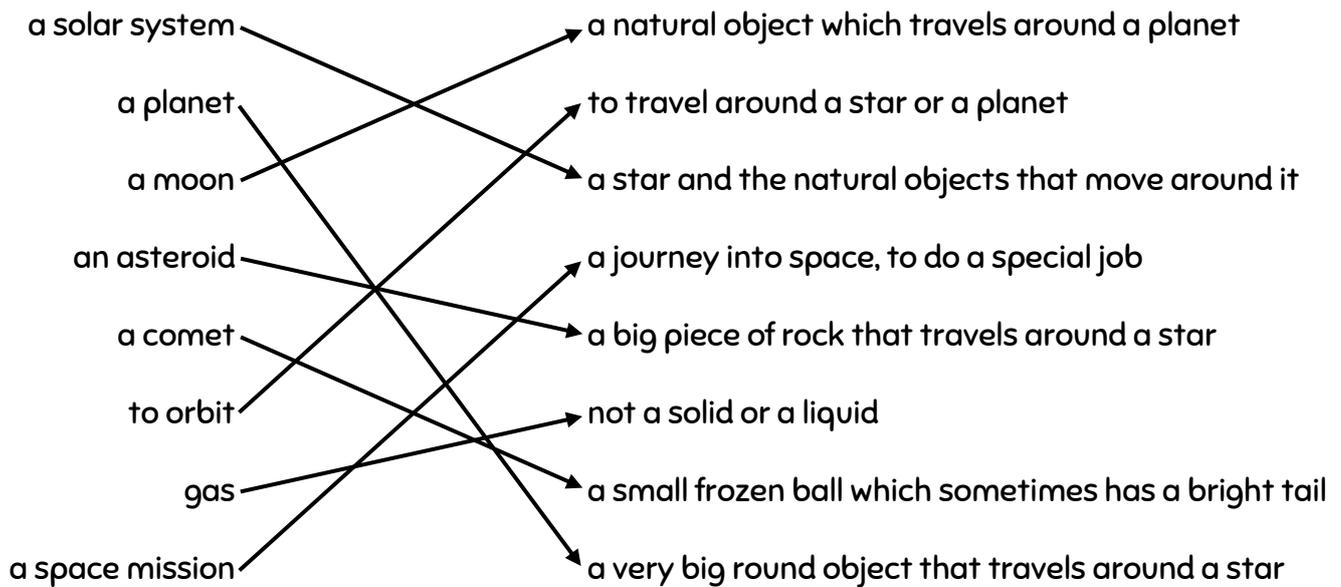
Reading practice

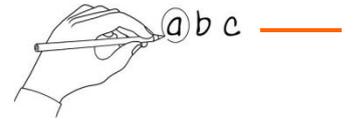


Preparation



Match the words with the definitions.

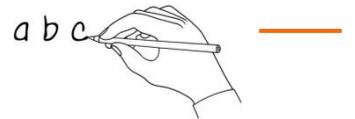




1. Choose the answer!

Read the question. Circle the correct answer.

- a. How many years ago was the solar system formed? 4.5 million / **4.5 billion** / 45 billion
- b. What are Mercury, Venus, Earth and Mars? **terrestrial planets** / gas giants / moons
- c. Which planet's the smallest? Venus / **Mercury** / Earth
- d. Which planet's the hottest? Mars / Saturn / **Venus**
- e. How many moons are there in the solar system? at least 50 / at least 100 / **at least 150**
- f. Which planets have no moons? **Mercury and Venus** / Saturn and Uranus / Mars and Neptune
- g. Who was the first human to travel in space? **Yuri Gagarin** / Neil Armstrong / Buzz Aldrin
- h. In what year did Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin land on the moon? 1961 / **1969** / 1989



2. Fill it in!

Complete the sentences.

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| moon | planets | rings | mission | sun | orbit | comets | gas |
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- a. There are eight main planets in the solar system.
- b. There are also moons, dwarf planets, asteroids, comets, rocks and dust.
- c. The planets orbit the sun.
- d. Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune have got rings.
- e. Earth's got just one moon.
- f. Stars are made of gas.
- g. The sun is 150 million km away from Earth.
- h. Apollo 11 was a space mission.