

Our Solar System

Read the text about the Solar System and find **ten different mistakes**.

At the end of the text, you will find the words you need to replace the wrong ones.



For thousands of years, people thought Earth was at the centre of the Universe. Then astronomers such as Nicolaus Copernicus, Galileo Galilei, Johannes Kepler and Isaac Newton explained the movement of the planets. Today we know the black hole is at the centre of the Solar System, and all planets revolve around it.

The Sun is a comet, or a huge ball of hot gas. Although it is 150 million kilometres away from the Earth, it only takes 8 hours for the light to reach us. Our sun is 4.6 million years old, and is a “yellow dwarf”, which means it can live for another 10 million years. The planets revolve around it because of magnetism. This is the force that holds us on the surface of the Earth so that we don’t fly away into space.

Out of eight planets, four are small and made of rock and metal, and the other four are large and made of liquid. There are also five fiery planets in the Solar System: Ceres, Eris, Haumea, Makemake and Pluto. (Pluto used to be the ninth planet until 2006!) Earth is the only planet on which plants and animals live. Some scientists are trying to find out if there were ever creatures on Venus, when it was warmer and had more air.

Between Mars and Jupiter, there is an asteroid belt, with many rocks and other astronomical objects. What you see in films isn't really true: it is quite difficult to pass through it.

The entire Solar System is a part of the Milky Way cluster, which holds more than 100 million stars. There are more than 100 million galaxies in the part of the universe which we can see.

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