

The Universe

Task 1: Read the text about **the universe**

- The moon is a **satellite** of the earth. It circles around the earth. This takes approximately 28 days.
- The earth **revolves around** the sun every 365 days.
- The sun is a star, but seems much larger than other stars because it is so close to the earth. Light from the sun takes **approximately** eight minutes to **reach** the earth.
- Eight **planets** revolve around the sun. We call the sun and all its planets the solar system.
- Seventy-five years ago, sending rockets into **space** seemed **far-fetched**, but now it is a fact of life and we have **gained** considerable **knowledge** of the earth's satellite and our solar system.

Task 2: Match the words in bold letters to their correct definitions.

- a. The area beyond the earth round the planets and stars _____
- b. Get more and more of sth useful, such as knowledge or experience _____
- c. Arrive at a place _____
- d. Not exactly, SYN roughly _____
- e. Not easy to believe because it is very improbable _____
- f. An object that moves round a bigger object in space _____
- g. What you know and understand about sth. _____
- h. Go around sth in a circle _____
- i. A large, round object in space that travels around a star _____
- j. the whole of space and everything in it _____



Task 3: Cross one word out in each sentence and write the correct word

- 1. The sun circles the earth. _____
- 2. The planets are in the solar system. _____
- 3. The earth revolves around the moon. _____
- 4. The sun is a planet. _____
- 5. Man first walked on the sun in 1969. _____
- 6. Venus is a star. _____
- 7. We can send planes into the space. _____
- 8. The stars are part of the earth. _____

Task 4: Complete the sentences

- 1. There are billions of stars in the _____ .
- 2. Is it important to send astronauts into _____ ?
- 3. Earth is a planet in our _____ system.
- 4. The idea of living on Pluto is far-_____ .
- 5. My _____ of our solar system is poor. I would like to _____ more information.
- 6. It takes me _____ two hours to study the article about the universe.
- 7. One day I would like to travel on the _____ to space.

Task 5: Use 10 words and phrases from the table and prepare a short speech about the universe

Moon	solar system	gain	approximately	365 days	revolve	earth	28 days		
Universe	close to	take	space	satellite	planet	star	walk	sun	light