

Planets

Task 1: Read the text and complete the missing spaces with the words from the box

Saturn fifth planets nearest Sun scientists furthest Venus
eight solar

People used to think that there were six 1 _____ moving in a circle around the 2 _____. Mercury was the 3 _____ to the Sun and Saturn was the 4 _____ away.

Most 5 _____ knew that the Earth was the third nearest planet to the Sun, between 6 _____ and Mars, and that Jupiter was between Mars and 7 _____. We have now discovered that there are three more planets – Uranus, Pluto and Neptune. These others are farther from the Sun, and Pluto is the farthest one.

From its time of discovery in 1930 Pluto was considered to be the ninth planet in the 8 _____ system. In 2006 the IAU (International Astronomical Union) changed the definition of 'planet', so that Pluto is not a planet, but the second largest dwarf planet in the solar system.

So there are 9 _____ planets, not six or nine and the largest is in the middle of them, the 10 _____ away from the Sun.

Task 2: Mark the statements T (true), F (false) or NS (not stated)

- 1. Mercury is the third nearest planet to the Sun. _____
- 2. Venus is the brightest of the planets. _____
- 3. Pluto has been considered a planet for 76 years. _____
- 4. The Intern. Astrological Union changed the definition of 'planet'. _____
- 5. There are five dwarf planets in the solar system. _____
- 6. Jupiter is the largest planet in the solar system. _____

Task 3: How can the following sentence help you learn the correct order of the planets? The picture above the sentence might help you.



My very educated mother just served us noodles.

Your explanation: _____ .

Task 4: Answer the following questions

1. What is the nearest planet to the Sun?
2. What is the third nearest planet to the Sun?
3. When was Pluto discovered?
4. What kind of a planet is Pluto nowadays?
5. How many years was Pluto considered a planet?
6. Which planet is the largest one?
7. Can you name the planets in the correct order?

Task 5: Find two more pieces of information to each planet in our solar system. Use your tablets to search for information on the internet.

Mercury:

Venus:

Earth:

Mars:

Jupiter:

Saturn:

Uranus:

Neptune: