



Solar System - Planets

1. Geocentric: _____ is the center of the solar system.
Heliocentric: _____ is the center of the solar system.
2. Planetary Orbits (the path a planet takes as it revolves around the sun) are almost circular. Planetary orbits are _____.
3. The orbits are in the same plane called the _____.
4. Rotation (spinning on axis) and revolution are in a _____ direction.
5. There are 2 kinds of planets.
Terrestrial means _____
The terrestrial planets are _____, _____, _____ and _____.
Jovian means _____. These planets are called the Gas Giants)
The Jovian planets are _____, _____, _____, and _____.
6. Terrestrial planets are _____, denser, rocky.
7. Venus has a thick cloud cover. It also has a high percentage of CO₂ which makes Venus much hotter than it should be considering its distance from the sun. Its temperature is approximately 890°F. (Mercury is -279° on the side not facing the sun, and 800° on the side facing the sun.)
8. Early Earth
Earth formed about _____ billion years ago.
No liquid water until about _____ billion years ago.
Early atmosphere not like today's atmosphere - transition to oxygen atmosphere began between _____ to 1.5 billion years ago.

9. Jovian Planets are larger, _____ dense, and gaseous - no solid surface.
10. An asteroid belt is between what 2 planets? _____ and _____
11. An astronomical unit (1 AU) is the distance between the _____ and earth. (about 150 million kms.)

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Solar System Data

Celestial Object	Mean Distance from Sun (million km)	Period of Revolution (d=days) (y=years)	Period of Rotation at Equator	Eccentricity of Orbit	Equatorial Diameter (km)	Mass (Earth = 1)	Density (g/cm ³)
SUN	—	—	27 d	—	1,392,000	333,000.00	1.4
MERCURY	57.9	88 d	59 d	0.206	4,879	0.06	5.4
VENUS	108.2	224.7 d	243 d	0.007	12,104	0.82	5.2
EARTH	149.6	365.26 d	23 h 56 min 4 s	0.017	12,756	1.00	5.5
MARS	227.9	687 d	24 h 37 min 23 s	0.093	6,794	0.11	3.9
JUPITER	778.4	11.9 y	9 h 50 min 30 s	0.048	142,984	317.83	1.3
SATURN	1,426.7	29.5 y	10 h 14 min	0.054	120,536	95.16	0.7
URANUS	2,871.0	84.0 y	17 h 14 min	0.047	51,118	14.54	1.3
NEPTUNE	4,498.3	164.8 y	16 h	0.009	49,528	17.15	1.8
EARTH'S MOON	149.6 (0.386 from Earth)	27.3 d	27.3 d	0.055	3,476	0.01	3.3