

#### THE SOLAR SYSTEM

an activity pack for curious kids

Quiz Puzzles Worksheets Colouring pages

# Welcome to this Solar System-themed activity pack from Pale Blue Marbles!

This supplements my blog post 'How big is the Solar System?'.

If you haven't read the post, I recommend going through it first with your child before completing these activities.



I have included activities at different levels – choose the ones appropriate for your child.

#### **Cultivate curiosity and enjoy!**

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## The Solar System quiz

Test your knowledge of the Solar System with these quiz questions! You can find all the answers in the 'How big is the Solar System?' post on the Pale Blue Marble blog.

- Q1. What is the closest planet to the Sun?
- Q2. What is the biggest planet in the Solar System?
- Q3. What is the farthest planet from the Sun?
- Q4. What planet is about half the size of Earth?
- Q5. Name the two ice giants in our solar system.
- Q6. What is the 4th planet from the Sun?
- Q7. Name the four rocky planets in our solar system
- Q8. What is at the very edge of the Solar System?
- Q9. What is at the centre of every planetary system?
- Q10. Name the two gas giants in our solar system.
- Q11. What planet has the largest rings?
- Q12. What planet has a giant red spot?

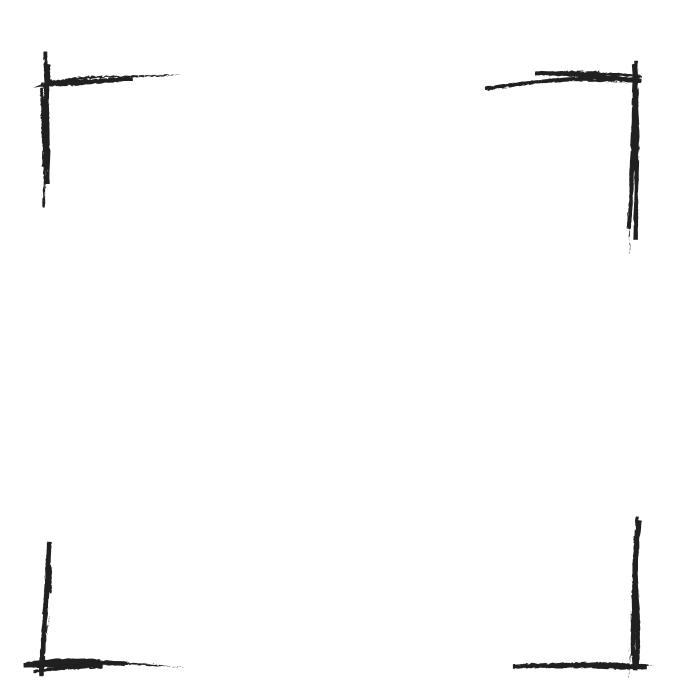
# Write a planet poem

Use the first letter of each planet's name to star each line of your poem.

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## Design your own planet

Draw and colour in your own planet. How big is it? Does it have rings? Volcanoes? Craters? Oceans? How far away from its star is it? Does anything live there? You can also add a moon or two. Have fun!



#### Solar System word search: tricky

These 16 words are all connected with the Solar System. How many can you find? They might be vertical, horizontal, diagonal or backward. Good luck!

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                      BVPNRKX
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X P O G F K A L I G H J N S I R W K Q U O N Z E I
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**ASTEROID** COMET EARTH JUPITER MARS **MERCURY** MOON **NEPTUNE** OORT CLOUD ORBIT PLANET SATURN SOLAR SYSTEM SUN **URANUS VENUS** 

#### Solar System word search: easy

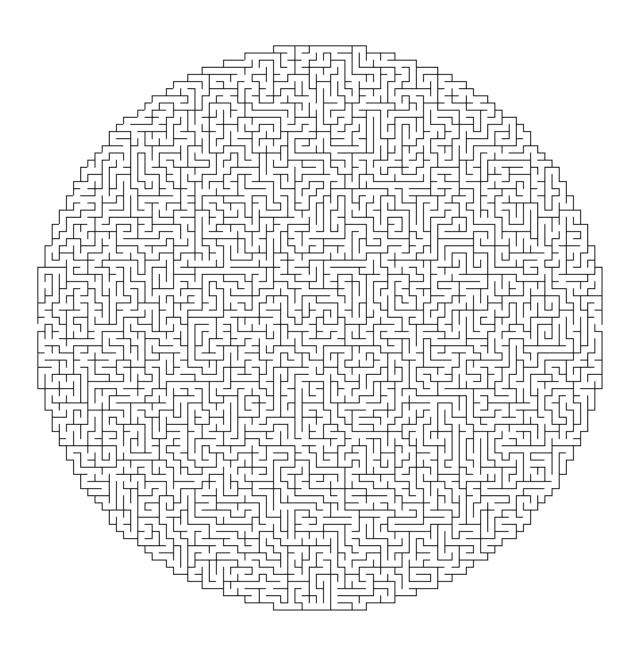
There are 8 planets hidden in this word search. How many can you find? They might be vertical, horizontal, diagonal or backward. Good luck!

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VENUS

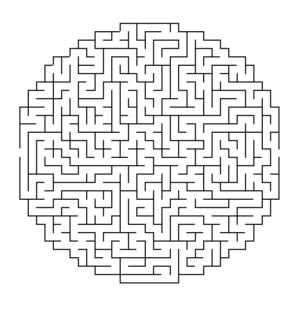
# Planet maze: tricky

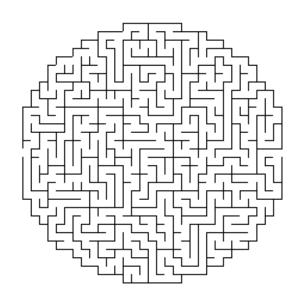
Find your way through this mega maze. Does it remind you of anything?

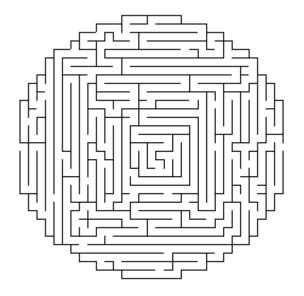


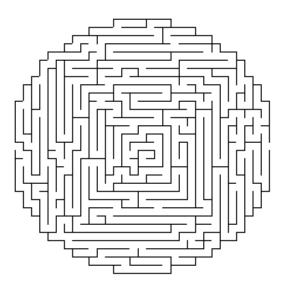
# Planet maze: easy

Find your way through these mini mazes. Do they remind you of anything?

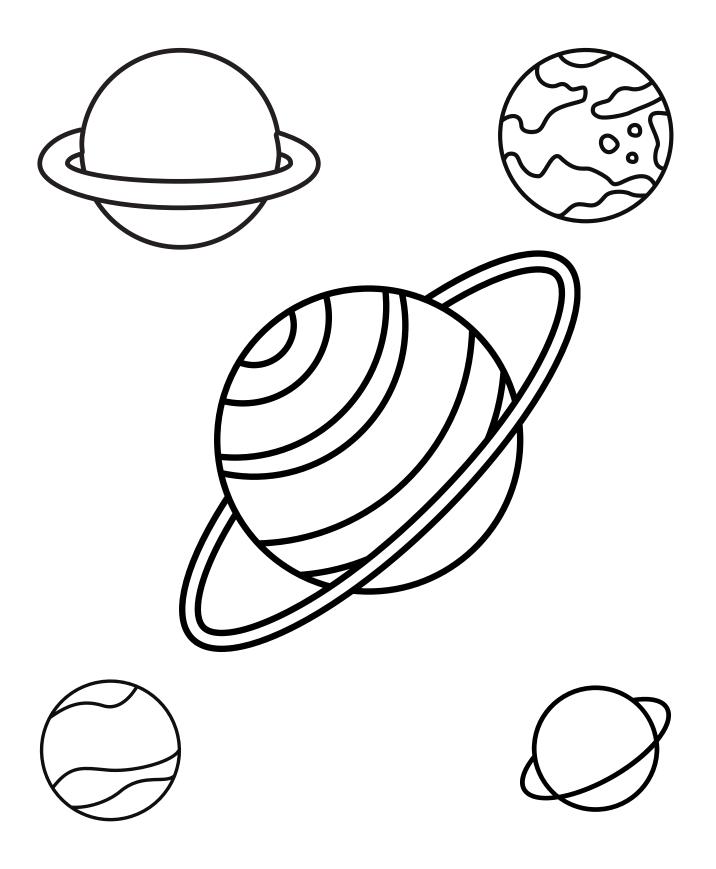








# Colour me in



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