

## Level 2

# The Inner Planets

The four planets closest to the Sun are Mercury, Venus, Earth and Mars.

## Mercury

The closest planet to the Sun is Mercury. On Mercury it can get very hot, and other times it can get very cold. Mercury is the smallest planet. It orbits the Sun faster than any other planet.

## Venus

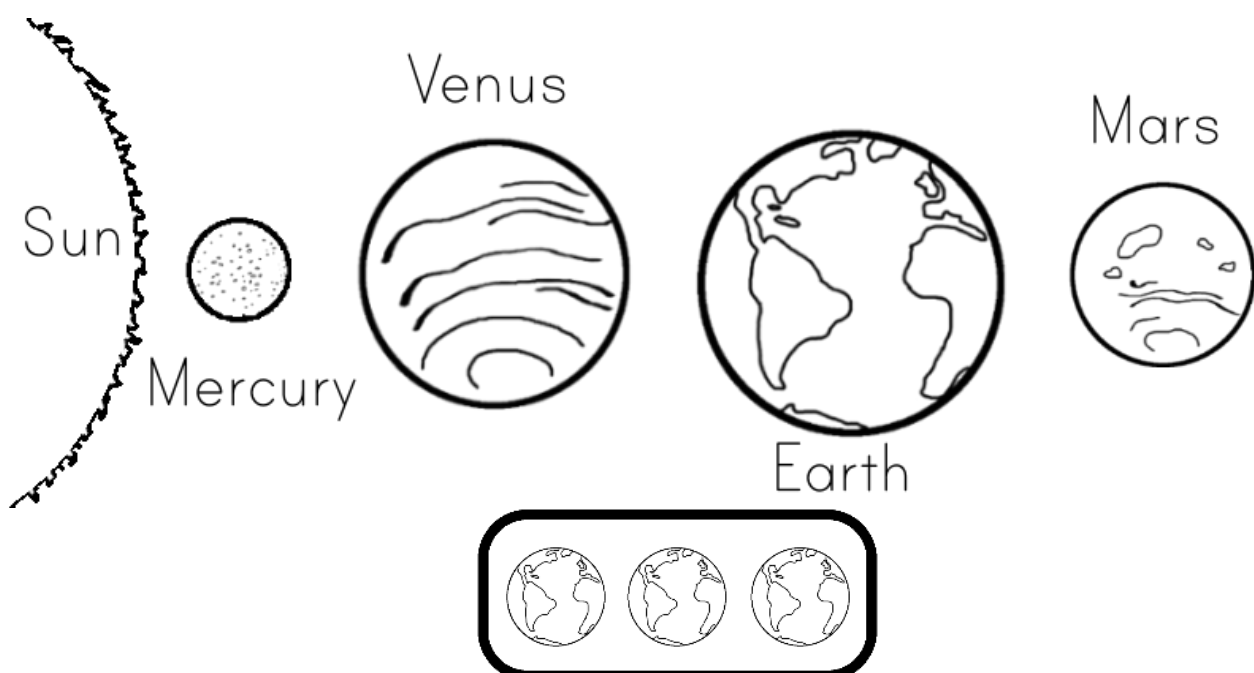
Venus is the hottest planet. Venus is close to the same size as Earth. There are many volcanoes on Venus.

## Earth

Earth is the third planet from the Sun. It is the planet we live on. Earth is the only planet that has life. Most of Earth is covered in water. It takes 365 days for Earth to orbit the Sun.

## Mars

Mars is the second smallest planet in the solar system. Mars has two moons. They are named Phobos and Deimos.



## Task A: Comprehension

1. Which is the smallest planet in the solar system?

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2. List the four inner planets.

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3. Which planet is a similar size to Earth?

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4. What are the names of Mars' two moons?

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5. Which planet has many volcanoes?

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6. Which planet is the second closest to the Sun?

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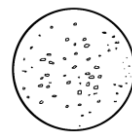
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7. Read and trace:

Earth



Mercury



1 year = 365 days

1 year = 88 days

## Task B: Language and Grammar

1. Add 'pl' to make new words. Draw each word you make.

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2. Sort the following words under the correct headings.

hot	small	Sun	hot
spin	Mars	orbit	Earth

<b>Nouns</b> (naming words)	<b>Verbs</b> (doing words)	<b>Adjectives</b> (describing words)

## Task C: Challenge

Draw and label a diagram of the Sun and the inner planets.