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The Solar System

The solar system is made up of the Sun and all the planets that move around it. The closest planet to the Sun is Mercury, which is very hot and small. Next is Venus, which has thick clouds that cover its surface. Earth is the third planet, and it is the only planet where people, animals, and plants live.

After Earth comes Mars, often called the red planet. The next four planets are much bigger. Jupiter is the largest planet and has a big red spot. Saturn has beautiful rings made of ice and rock. Uranus spins on its side, and Neptune is a blue, windy planet far from the Sun.

The Sun is very important because it gives heat and light to all the planets, helping life on Earth to grow.

Circle the best answer

1. What is the solar system made of?

- a) Only the planets
- b) The Sun and all the planets
- c) Only Earth and Mars

2. Which planet is closest to the Sun?

- a) Venus
- b) Mercury
- c) Earth

3. Which planet is known as the red planet?

- a) Mars
- b) Jupiter
- c) Neptune

4. Which planet has rings around it?

- a) Jupiter
- b) Saturn
- c) Uranus

5. Why is the Sun important for life on Earth?

- a) It makes the planets spin
- b) It gives heat and light for life to grow
- c) It makes the sky blue

