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The **solar system** includes the **Sun**, **planets**, the **moons** of each planet, as well as other objects that revolve around the Sun.

A **planet** is a large body that **revolves** around the Sun in a path called an **orbit**. There are 8 known planets, plus a dwarf planet, Pluto.

The planets are divided into two groups called inner and outer planets based on their distance from the Sun. The **inner planets** include Mercury, Venus, Earth and Mars. The **outer planets** include Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune.



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asteroid belt

asteroid

Neptune

The **asteroid belt** is located between Mars and Jupiter. **Asteroids** are small pieces of rock that orbit around the Sun.



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Color the planets. Cut them out and use them to create a Solar System poster or mobile.



Mercury



Venus



Earth & Moon



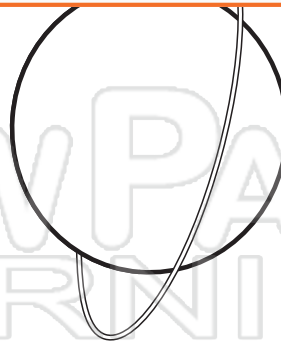
Mars

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Saturn



Uranus



Neptune



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Name the planets in order. Research and write a fact about each one.

1. _____

2. _____

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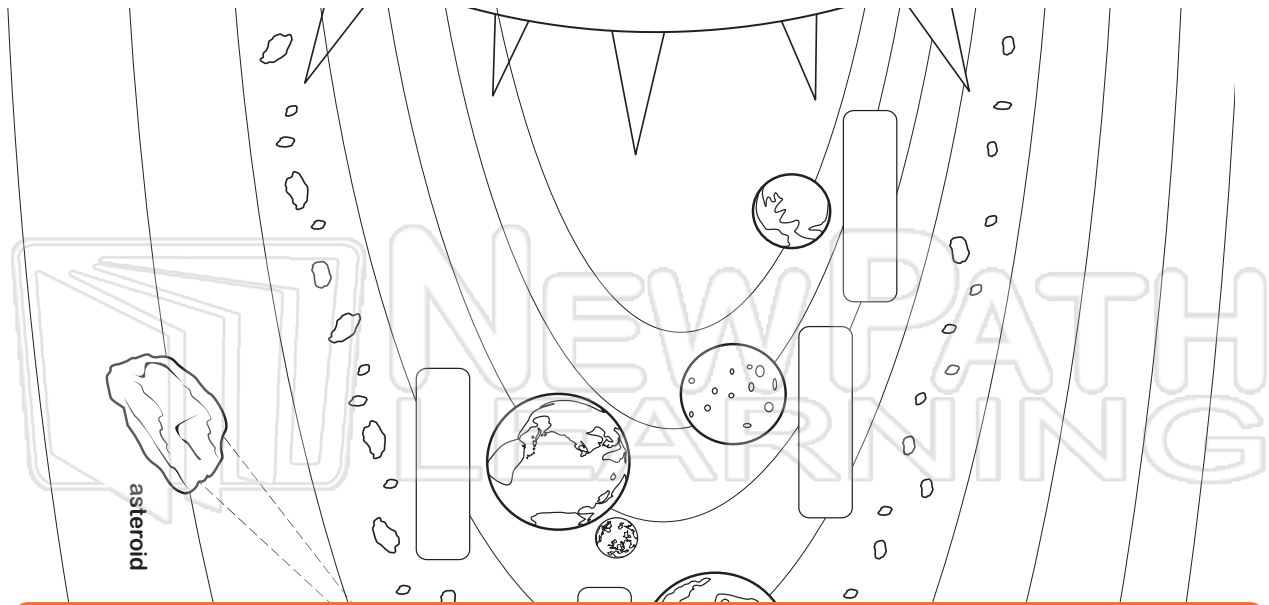




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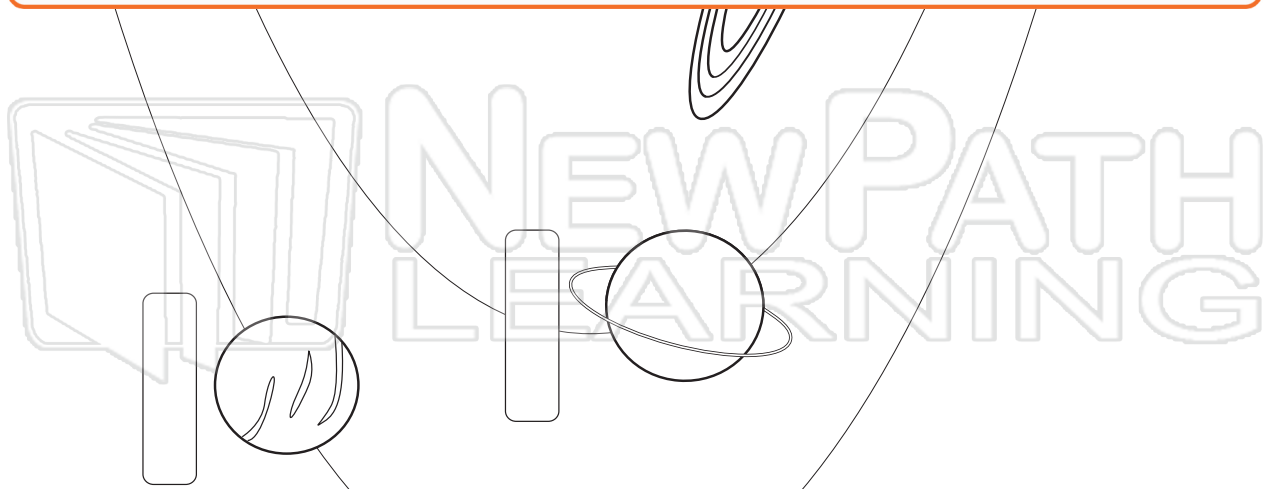
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Answer Key

Name the planets in order. Research and write a fact about each one.

1. **Mercury. Open-ended.**

2. **Venus. Open-ended.**

3. **Earth. Open-ended.**

4.



5.

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6.

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7. **Uranus. Open-ended.**

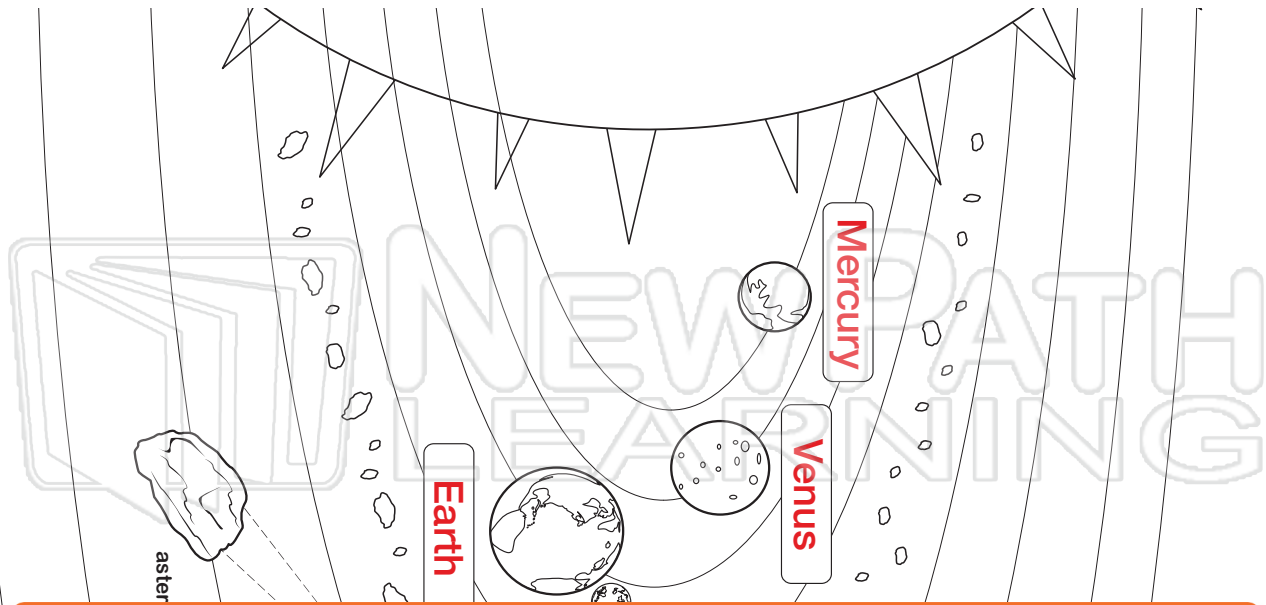
8. **Neptune. Open-ended.**



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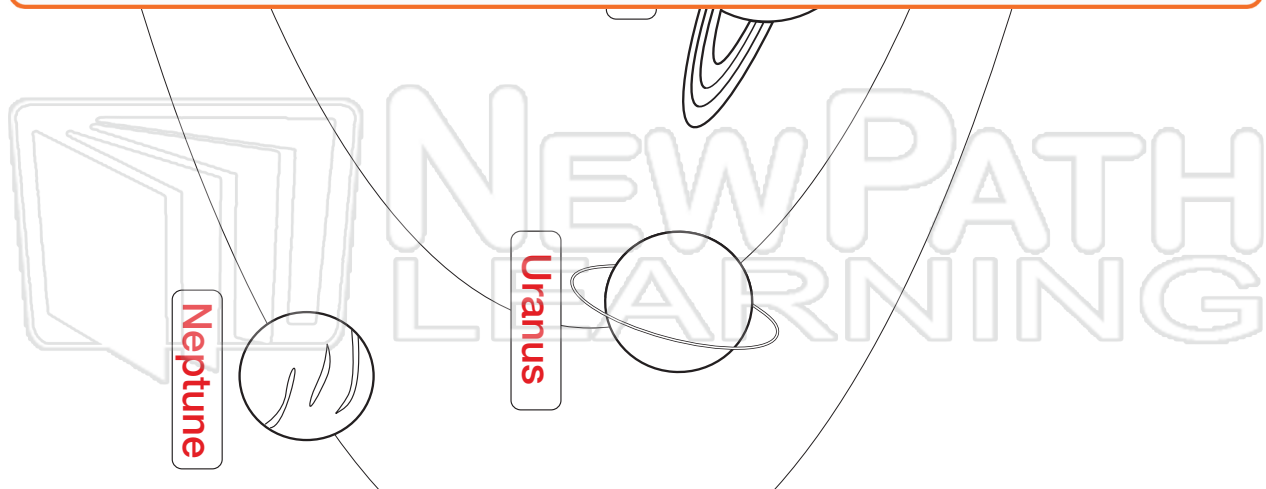
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