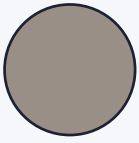


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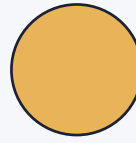
#1 from the Sun



- Closest planet to the Sun
- Smallest planet
- Has no moons
- A year lasts 88 Earth days

Venus

#2 from the Sun



- Hottest planet: thick clouds trap heat
- Spins in the opposite direction to most planets
- Has no moons
- Brightest planet in the night sky

Earth

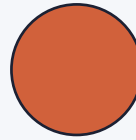
#3 from the Sun



- The only planet known to have life
- Has one moon
- About 71% of its surface is water
- A year lasts about 365 days

Mars

#4 from the Sun



- Called the Red Planet because of rusty dust
- Has two small moons
- Home of Olympus Mons, the tallest volcano in the solar system
- Has the biggest dust storms

Jupiter

#5 from the Sun



- Largest planet
- A gas giant
- Its Great Red Spot is a giant storm
- Has dozens of moons

Saturn

#6 from the Sun



- Famous for its bright rings of ice and rock
- A gas giant
- Less dense than water
- Its largest moon is Titan

Uranus

#7 from the Sun



- Spins on its side
- An ice giant
- Looks blue-green because of methane gas
- Seventh planet from the Sun

Neptune

#8 from the Sun



- Farthest planet from the Sun
- An ice giant
- Has the fastest winds of any planet
- A year lasts about 165 Earth years