

THE SOLAR SYSTEM

Think of it this way: we're looking about the planets in the Solar System.

We can describe planets and other objects in the Solar System. The planets around the Sun (from nearest to the Sun) are Mercury, Venus, Earth, and Mars. The other planets are Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune.

My teacher says that the Earth has got 47,000 km and that Venus is bigger with 120,000 km. But the biggest planet of all is Jupiter with 142,000 km.

So you know that the smallest planet is Mercury with 4,800 km.

When scientists go to space they want to know what the planets are like. For example, in Mercury it's -40°C, in Venus it's 470°C, in Earth it's 15°C, in Mars it's -60°C, and in Jupiter it's 17°C. What is the temperature?

Scientists say that there is the "Red Planet", Jupiter has got "rings" in the Solar System. The Earth is the "Blue Planet" because it has got lots of water and the oceans in the Solar System.



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