

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 in terms of their distance from the Sun. The planets closest to the Sun are Mercury, Venus, Earth, and Mars, and the four farthest are Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune.

My teacher says that the Earth has got 4.754 km and that Venus is bigger with 12104 km. But the biggest planet of all is Jupiter and its size is 142,984 km.

So you know that the smallest planet is the one closest to the Sun.

When scientists go to space they want to know what the planets are like. For example, in 1969, the first man went to the Moon. In 1976, the first man went to Mars. In 1977, the first man went to Jupiter. In 1979, the first man went to Saturn. In 1981, the first man went to Uranus. In 1986, the first man went to Neptune.

Scientists say that there is the "Red Planet", Jupiter has got "rings" in its orbit. The Earth is the "Blue Planet" because it has got lots of water and its surface is the blue.



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