

## **THE SOLAR SYSTEM**

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

We can remember planets and moons about the Sun. In your book, the order of the planets around the Sun (8 planets in the Solar System) are Mercury, Venus, Earth and Mars and the four moons are Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune.

My teacher says that the Earth has got 4700 moons and that Venus is bigger with 1000 moons. But the biggest planet of all is Jupiter and its moons with 79 moons.

In your book, what are the smallest planets, what are the largest planets?

When scientists go to space they want to know what were planets and how they were formed. For example, in Mercury is -400°C, in Venus is 470°C, in Earth is 15°C, in Mars is -100°C and in Jupiter is 170°C. What is the temperature?

Scientists say that there is the "Red Planet", Jupiter has got "moons" in its orbit. The Earth is the "Blue Planet" because it has got lots of water and our satellites in the Moon.



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