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- 1> Which planet was discovered by William Herschel?
- 2> Where would you find the Caloris Basin?
- 3> Which planet has the 'Red Spot'?
- 4> What was the first spacecraft to visit Jupiter?
- 5> On which planet would you find Olympus Mons?
- 6> Which is the only dwarf planet that has not been visited by a space craft?
- 7> Which of these is not one of Jupiter's Galilean Moons?
- 8> Which spacecraft orbited Jupiter for 8 years?
- 9> Calypso orbits which planet?
- 10> What is the main chemical element in the sun?

Answers:

- 1> Uranus - Uranus was first sighted in 1690 but was not recognized as a planet until 1781.
- 2> Mercury - It is about 1300 km in diameter.
- 3> Jupiter - It is an oval shape 12000 by 25 000 km.
- 4> Pioneer 10 - Pioneer 10 was the first in 1973.
- 5> Mars - The Red Spot can be seen on Jupiter.
- 6> Pluto - Charon orbits Pluto.
- 7> Galatea - Galileo discovered these moons in 1610.
- 8> Galileo - Jupiter was named after Zeus.
- 9> Saturn - Saturn has 31 satellites.
- 10> Hydrogen - The sun is a G2 star.

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