

BASIC SOLAR SYSTEM TRIVIA QUESTIONS



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- 1> How many stars are in the Big dipper?
- 2> How many planets are in the solar system?
- 3> Which planet is closest to the sun?
- 4> What is the name of the smallest planet?
- 5> How many moons does Jupiter have?
- 6> Which planet has the big red spot?
- 7> How long does it take for Venus for travel around the sun?
- 8> Which planet is named for the Roman messenger god?
- 9> Which planet did William Herschel discover?
- 10> Which planet is often referred to as the red planet?
- 11> How many moons does Neptune have?
- 12> Which planet is the farthest from the sun?
- 13> Which planet has a moon named Triton?
- 14> Which planet is named after the goddess of love?
- 15> How many moons does Venus have?

Answers:

- 1> 7 - The Big Dipper is made up of seven of the brightest stars in the night sky.
- 2> 8 - The earth is the third planet from the sun.
- 3> Mercury - Mercury has no atmosphere.
- 4> Mercury - Mercury is extremely hot. Temperatures can reach over 430 degrees during the day.
- 5> 63 - It takes twelve years for this giant to travel around the sun.
- 6> Jupiter - Jupiter is eleven times the size of the earth.
- 7> 225 days - Venus has no moons.
- 8> Mercury - Mercury is the roman messenger, his Greek equivalent is Hermes.
- 9> Uranus - Uranus was discovered in 1781.
- 10> Mars - Mars was named after the god of war.
- 11> 13 - Neptune has four rings.
- 12> Neptune - It is the fourth-largest planet by diameter and the third largest by mass.
- 13> Neptune - Neptune has 13 known moons.
- 14> Venus - Venus orbits the sun in the opposite direction from all the other planets.
- 15> 0 - Venus has no moons and no rings.

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