

BASIC SOLAR SYSTEM TRIVIA QUESTIONS II



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- 1> Which of these planets is a gas giant? Mercury, Mars or Jupiter?
- 2> How many moons does Mars have?
- 3> Which planet do the moons Io, Europa, Callisto and Ganymede orbit?
- 4> Which planet has eleven rings?
- 5> Which is the only planet named after the Greek sky god?
- 6> Which planet spins on its axis in ten hours?
- 7> Which planet was named after the god of the underworld?
- 8> Which of these planets is a gas giant?
- 9> Which planet is named after the goddess of love?
- 10> How many moons does Venus have?
- 11> How many satellites does the earth have? (not manmade)
- 12> Approximately how many years does it take Halley's Comet to make its full orbit?
- 13> What do North Americans call the constellation "The Plough"?
- 14> Our solar system is part of which galaxy?
- 15> What is the hottest planet?
- 16> Which planet is named after the King of the gods?
- 17> Which planet is named after the god of the sea?

Answers:

- 1> Jupiter - The red spot on the surface of Jupiter is actually a gigantic storm.
- 2> 2 - Moons are often referred to as satellites.
- 3> Jupiter - These four moons were discovered by Galileo Galilei.
- 4> Uranus - It takes about 84 years for this planet to orbit the sun.
- 5> Uranus - Uranus has an atmosphere is made up of hydrogen methane and helium.
- 6> Saturn - This means that a day on Saturn is only ten hours long.
- 7> Neptune - Pluto is a giant snowball. Temperatures are between -360 and -387 Fahrenheit.
- 8> Neptune - There are four gas giants in the solar system.
- 9> Venus - Venus orbits the sun in the opposite direction from all the other planets.
- 10> 0 - Venus has no moons and no rings.
- 11> 1 - The earth has only one moon.
- 12> 76 - Halley did not discover this comet; rather he calculated the time it took for the comet to make its journey.
- 13> The Big Dipper - The Big dipper is frequently referred to as Ursa Major. However there are differences between Ursa Major and the dipper.
- 14> The Milky Way - Edwin Hubble recognized that Andromeda was a separate galaxy in 1923.
- 15> Venus - Mercury is closer to the sun but the atmosphere on Venus makes it hotter.
- 16> Jupiter - The other name for Jupiter is Zeus.
- 17> Neptune - Neptune is the Roman god of the sea, his Greek equivalent is Poseidon.

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