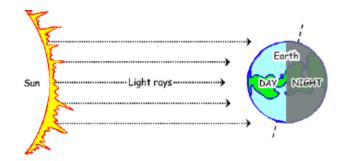
| | Key Information |
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| Sequence of Planets from sun. | |
| 1 | Mercury – the smallest planet. |
| 2 | Venus – the largest planet. |
| 3 | Earth-the only planet that has water on it's surface. |
| 4 | Mars – the planet known as the 'red planet'. |
| Asteroid belt | |
| 5 | Jupiter – the largest planet, a gas giant. |
| 6 | Saturn –known for it's rings. |
| 7 | Uranus – a gas giant just like Jupiter. |
| 8 | Neptune – is blue because of high proportions of methane gas. |
| Mnemonic to recall the sequence of planets | My Very Easy Method Just Speeds Up Naming Planets. |
| Time facts | It takes 28 days for the moon to orbit earth. It takes 365 and ¼ days for earth to orbit the sun. It takes 24 hours for the earth to orbit it's axis once. |

| Vocabulary | |
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| Orbit | The curved path of a celestial body. |
| Rotation | To rotate around an axis. |
| Solar System | The collection of eight planets, their moons in orbit around the sun, together with smaller bodies in the form of asteroid, meteoroids and comets. |
| Planet | A celestial body that resolves around the sun. |
| Galaxy | A collection of star systems. |
| Sun | The star at the centre of a solar system. |
| Universe | Everything that exists anywhere. |
| Satellite | An artificial body placed in orbit round the earth or moon or another planet in order to collect information or for communication |
| Celestial body | An object in space. |
| Lunar | Relating to the moon |
| Spherical | Shaped like a sphere. |
| Asteroid belt | The disc in the Solar System located roughly between the orbits of the planets Mars and Jupiter. It is occupied by numerous irregularly shaped bodies called asteroids or minor planets. |

Key Diagrams



A diagram of what happens with the sun and moon during the day and the night.

| Space missions and famous astronauts. | | |
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| 1951 | First dog in space – Laika | |
| 1961 | First man in space – Yuri | |
| | Garigan | |
| 1969 | First moon landing – Apollo | |
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| Yuri Garigan: First man in space in 1951. | | |
| Alan B Shepard Jr: First American in space in 1961. | | |
| Neil Armstrong: First man on moon. | | |
| Sir Tim Peake: Most recent Britain to go to space in 2015. | | |







Sir Tim Peake.



