

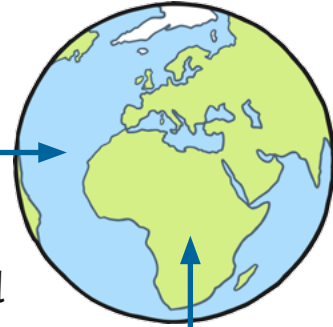
Shooting for the Stars

Our Planet

Planet Earth is one of eight planets in our solar system. Earth spins (very slowly) around. It takes one day for the Earth to spin around once.

Nearly three-quarters of the Earth is covered in water. In the oceans, seas, rivers and lakes, there are lots of different plants and animals.

The rest of the Earth is covered in land. Many parts of the land are inhabited (lived on) by people, although there are still some areas where nobody lives.



Our Solar System

The planets in our solar system all travel around the Sun. Earth is the fourth closest planet to the Sun. The planet nearest to the Sun is Mercury, which is very hot. The planet furthest from the Sun is Neptune, the coldest planet in the solar system.

The Moon

The Moon travels around the Earth. In 1969, Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin travelled to the Moon on a rocket called Apollo 11. When they landed on the Moon, they planted a flag.

Did You Know?

Scientists are still trying to work out if there is any water on the surface of the Moon. If there is, then one day plants could grow and people may even be able to visit!



Questions

1. How many planets are in our solar system? Tick one.

eight

nine

ten

2. What does 'inhabited' mean? Tick one.

swam

lived on

eaten

3. When did the first astronauts land on the Moon? Tick one.

1963

1969

1968

4. Who were the first people to land on the Moon?

5. In the text, what does it say may happen if scientists find water on the Moon? Tick one.

Fish could live there.

Plants may be able to grow.

People could build a swimming pool.