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**Solar system facts**

* The Sun is a star.
* The Earth is one of eight planets that travel around the Sun.
* The planets are called Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune.
* The solar system is also home to lots of asteroids, moons, and dwarf planets such as Pluto.

One way of remembering the order of the planets from the sun is:  
My Very Easy Method Just Speeds Up Nothing.

My (Mercury) Very (Venus) Easy (Earth) Method (Mars) Just (Jupiter) Speeds (Saturn) Up (Uranus) Nothing (Neptune).

**Planet Earth facts**

* The planet Earth is about 4.5 billion years old.
* Earth spins at 1000 miles per hour. It takes 24 hours to complete a full rotation.
* It's daytime on the side of the Earth that faces the Sun and nighttime on the side that is facing away.
* The Earth takes a year to travel around the Sun.
* Planet Earth has one moon, which is held in orbit by gravity.

**Complete the activities on bbc bitesize.**

**Read the information about the planets. Can you make a fact file or a report about the different planets?**





