



OUR SOLAR SYSTEM



Our solar system is made up of the Sun and all of the _____ objects that move around it. There are eight _____ planets in our solar system. Closest to the Sun are four smaller, _____ planets—Mercury, Venus, Earth, and Mars. Beyond Mars is the asteroid belt, a region populated by millions of rocky _____ . Asteroids are small, rocky objects that orbit the Sun, but are much smaller than planets. After the asteroid belt, there are two gas giants, Jupiter and Saturn, and two ice giants, Uranus and Neptune. Jupiter and Saturn are much bigger than Earth, but very _____ for their size. Scientists are learning new things about our _____ planets all the time. We send spacecraft to take _____, gather _____, and find out more about them.

