

The Solar System

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Circle the correct answer for each question about space.

1. What is a shooting star also called?
 (A) a meteor (B) a planet
 (C) a satellite (D) a comet
2. Which is closer to Earth, the Moon or the Sun?
 (A) the Sun
 (B) the Moon
 (C) neither
 (D) they are equally close
3. Which planet do we live on?
 (A) Jupiter (B) Mars
 (C) Venus (D) Earth
4. What do we call a person who travels into space?
 (A) a diver (B) a pilot
 (C) an astronaut (D) a sailor
5. Which planet is closest to the Sun?
 (A) Mercury (B) Mars
 (C) Venus (D) Earth
6. What do we call the Sun, the planets and their moons together?
 (A) a galaxy
 (B) the solar system
 (C) a comet
 (D) a constellation
7. Which planet is farthest from the Sun?
 (A) Jupiter (B) Uranus
 (C) Saturn (D) Neptune
8. What causes day and night on Earth?
 (A) clouds
 (B) the Moon
 (C) Earth spinning on its axis
 (D) the Sun moving
9. What vehicle carries astronauts into space?
 (A) a tractor (B) a rocket
 (C) a submarine (D) a train
10. What gives Earth its light and heat?
 (A) the Sun (B) the Moon
 (C) the stars (D) the wind
11. How many moons does Earth have?
 (A) two (B) five
 (C) none (D) one
12. What is the Moon mostly made of?
 (A) water (B) gas
 (C) rock (D) cheese
13. What is Earth's only natural satellite?
 (A) the Sun (B) Mars
 (C) the Moon (D) a comet
14. Which is the smallest planet?
 (A) Mercury (B) Earth
 (C) Mars (D) Pluto

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