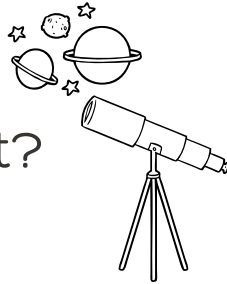


Expanding...

Imagine you found a new planet through a telescope!

- What would you name it?
- Why did you give it that name?



Share your new planet with a partner!

Student Name: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

Due Date: _____

Partner's Name: _____



The Science Alliance of Tennessee, a coalition of 6 Science and Children's Museums, aims to foster children's curiosity, wonder and problem-solving skills using STEM curricula and community connections that set students on a positive trajectory of learning where they live and play. This project, the Tennessee Rural Impact Project (TRIP), was made possible in part by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

Let's Explore

Naming Planets



Exploring...

People have always seen the 5 brightest planets. You do not need a telescope to see them.

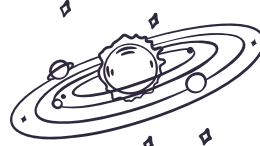
The planets have had many names. We now call them by their Roman god names. The planets found with telescopes were also given Roman god names.

Mercury-----	messenger of the gods
Venus-----	goddess of love
Mars-----	god of war
Jupiter-----	king of the gods
Saturn-----	god of time
Uranus-----	god of the sky
Neptune-----	god of water

How did the Earth get its name?
Earth is not named for a Roman god.
Earth means "ground".

What to do

The planets go around the Sun.
They **orbit** the Sun.



Let's put the planets in order away from the Sun.

1. Find something to be your Sun.
A pillow, plushie, or ball will do.
2. Cut out the planet cards.
3. Mix them up.
4. Try to put them in order!

Is it hard to know what planet comes next?

Try this fun **mnemonic**! A way to remember the order.

My **V**ery **E**xcited **M**ouse **J**ust **S**erved
Us **N**oodles
Mercury **V**enus **E**arth **M**ars **J**upiter
Saturn **U**ranus **N**eptune