



# Fill in the Missing Words Lesson 1

(5-7 years)

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Sun, Moon and Mercury

# Objectives of Activity:

1. Develop research skills
2. Read and recall facts
3. Learn interesting facts about the planets and our solar system

## How to:

Ask children to find the missing words - answers in Planetary Explanatory

How long would it take  
you to travel to the Sun?

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jet airplane normally travels, it  
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there.

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If you flew to the Sun as fast as a  
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Where did the Moon  
come from?

It is thought that the Moon was  
created from the remains of a  
planet (about the size of \_\_\_\_\_ )  
that collided with the Earth around  
\_\_\_\_\_ billion years ago.

# Where did the Moon come from?

It is thought that the Moon was created from the remains of a planet (about the size of Mars ) that collided with the Earth around 4.5 billion years ago.



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a rabbit?

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Who is Mercury named  
after?

Mercury was named after the  
\_\_\_\_\_ God of \_\_\_\_\_

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Mercury was named after the  
Roman God of Messengers

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