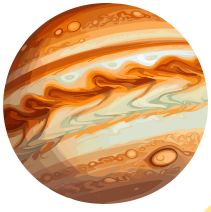


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Jupiter

Reading Comprehension



Read the text and answer the questions.

Jupiter is the largest planet in our solar system. It's about 1,300 times the size of Earth. It's also very far away from us - about 484 million miles (778 million kilometers) away from Earth. One special thing about Jupiter is its Great Red Spot. This is a huge storm that has been happening for over 400 years! The storm is so big that three Earths could fit inside it! Jupiter is made mostly of gas and doesn't have a solid surface like Earth does. If you tried to land on Jupiter, you would just fall into it because of its strong gravity. Jupiter has more than 60 moons. One of its moons, Ganymede, is the largest moon in the solar system. In fact, Ganymede is even bigger than the planet Mercury! Jupiter is named after the king of the Roman gods. The ancient Romans believed that the bright light in the night sky was Jupiter watching over them. We've learned a lot about Jupiter from the Voyager, Galileo, and Juno missions. For example, we now know that Jupiter has rings, but they're not as big or bright as Saturn's rings.

1 Why is Jupiter named after the king of the Roman gods?

2 How do Jupiter's rings compare to Saturn's rings?

3 How does Jupiter's size compare to Earth?

4 What have we learned about Jupiter from the Voyager, Galileo, and Juno missions?

5 Why would you not be able to land on Jupiter?
