



Sun, Earth and Moon

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Answer the questions using full sentences.

1. When might we use a capital letter when writing the name of our planet?

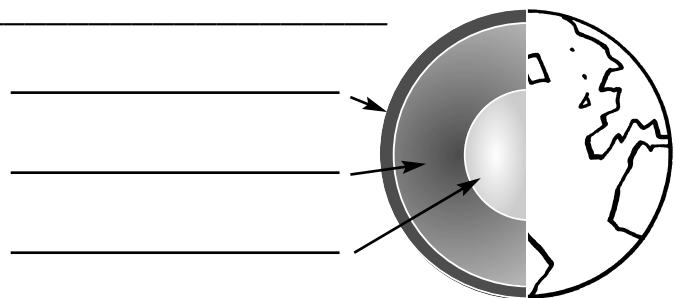
2. The passage uses the term 'solar system'. Give another example of using the word solar and explain why it is used.

3. Find out which of the planets is closest to the sun.

4. How long does it take for the earth to orbit the sun?

5. How long does it take for the moon to orbit the earth?

6. This is a diagram of the earth shown as though a section has been removed. Use information from the passage to help you to label the diagram.



Notes for teachers

Help the children to read this non-fiction passage and see if they can recall any of the facts from it. Point out the use of a footnote, with the asterisk in the text indicating that the footnote is there. As an extra activity, pupils could research volcanos and earthquakes in relation to the Earth's crust. Note that the word 'earth' is normally written without a capital letter and most dictionaries will show the other version – 'Earth' – as an alternative, especially where it is used with the names of the other planets. Some experts will advise that it should always appear with a capital when it is being used as an astronomical term. This makes an interesting point for discussion with pupils.