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## Planets

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# THE LISTENING TAPESCRIPT

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How did all the planets get there? How is it only our planet has life? Will we ever travel to other planets? These are questions I often think about. I think our planet is the best. It looks so beautiful from space with its mixture of blue and green. The other planets look too strange to me. Mercury is just a red, hot ball, pretty much the same as Mars. Saturn looks like a real planet. Its rings give it an extra-special look. The other planets don't look that interesting. I don't really know much about Venus, Neptune, Uranus and Jupiter. When I was at school, we learnt that Pluto was a planet. But now it isn't. Scientists have decided there are now only eight planets in our solar system and not nine. I wonder why they dropped Pluto.



## LISTENING GAP FILL

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 **DISCUSSION** (Write your own questions)

**STUDENT A's QUESTIONS** (Do not show these to student B)

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5. \_\_\_\_\_
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 **DISCUSSION** (Write your own questions)

**STUDENT B's QUESTIONS** (Do not show these to student A)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
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# STUDENT PLANETS SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about planets in the table. Do this in pairs. Each student must write the questions on his / her own paper.

When you have finished, interview other students. Write down their answers.

	STUDENT 1 _____	STUDENT 2 _____	STUDENT 3 _____
Q.1.			
Q.2.			
Q.3.			
Q.4.			
Q.5.			

- Now return to your original partner and share and talk about what you found out. Change partners often.
- Make mini-presentations to other groups on your findings.



## **HOMEWORK**

**1. VOCABULARY EXTENSION:** Choose several of the words from the text. Use a dictionary or Google's search field (or another search engine) to build up more associations / collocations of each word.

**2. INTERNET INFO:** Search the Internet and find more information about planets. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

**3. MAGAZINE ARTICLE:** Write a magazine article about planets. Read what you wrote to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your articles.

**4. PLANETS POSTER** Make a poster about planets. Show it to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your posters.

**5. MY PLANETS LESSON:** Make your own English lesson on planets. Make sure there is a good mix of things to do. Find some good online activities. Teach the class / another group when you have finished.

**6. ONLINE SHARING:** Use your blog, wiki, Facebook page, MySpace page, Twitter stream, Del-icio-us / StumbleUpon account, or any other social media tool to get opinions on planets. Share your findings with the class.

