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Solar System

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 **THE LISTENING TAPESCRIPT**

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The Solar System is an amazing thing. I can't imagine just how big it is. I don't think anyone can. It all centres around our Sun. Our solar system has eight planets in it. When I was a kid I learnt there were nine planets, but some time ago, scientists decided Pluto wasn't a planet. All of the names of the planets in our solar system are really cool. Everybody knows the names because they are used every day in advertising or to name cars and things. Pluto was even the name of a Disney character. I think Saturn is the name of a car and Mercury is the name of a radio station. I love looking at photos of the solar system. They get more beautiful as our technology gets better. One day we'll go on solar system tours.



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 **DISCUSSION** (Write your own questions)

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

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____

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 **DISCUSSION** (Write your own questions)

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

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
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6. _____

STUDENT SOLAR SYSTEM SURVEY

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Write five GOOD questions about solar system 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.

 **WRITING**

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Write about solar system for 10 minutes. Show your partner your paper. Correct each other's work.



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 solar system. Talk about what you discover with your partner(s) in the next lesson.

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

4. SOLAR SYSTEM POSTER Make a poster about solar system. Show it to your classmates in the next lesson. Give each other feedback on your posters.

5. MY SOLAR SYSTEM LESSON: Make your own English lesson on solar system. 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 solar system. Share your findings with the class.

