

Etymology of the Cosmos

Etymology Of Space Terms · Answer Key · 15 Questions

1. The word 'planet' comes from the Ancient Greek word 'planetes', which literally means what?

- A) Glowing rock
- B) Wandering star**
- C) Cold sphere
- D) Heavenly body

2. The planet 'Mercury' is named after the Roman god known for what primary attribute?

- A) Speed**
- B) Strength
- C) Wisdom
- D) Beauty

3. Which planet's name is derived from the Roman god of agriculture and time?

- A) Jupiter
- B) Mars
- C) Saturn**
- D) Neptune

4. The word 'galaxy' is derived from a Greek term meaning what substance?

- A) Light
- B) Fire
- C) Milk**
- D) Dust

5. 'Mars' was named after the Roman god of which domain?

- A) The sea
- B) War**
- C) Love
- D) Music

6. The term 'Cosmos' comes from a Greek word that translates to what?

- A) Infinite
- B) Order**
- C) Chaos
- D) Mystery

7. Which planet is named after the Roman king of the gods?

- A) Venus
- B) Jupiter**
- C) Uranus
- D) Pluto

8. The name 'Venus' honors the Roman goddess of what?

- A) Love and beauty**
- B) Storms and rain
- C) Earth and soil
- D) Death and shadows

9. Which celestial body's name comes from the Latin 'luna', meaning 'the shining one'?

- A) The Sun
- B) The Moon**
- C) The Earth
- D) The Star

10. The name 'Neptune' refers to the Roman god of which element?

- A) Fire
- B) Air
- C) Water**
- D) Earth

11. 'Pluto' was named after the Roman god of what realm?

- A) The sky
- B) The underworld**
- C) The mountains
- D) The oceans

12. The word 'Asteroid' comes from the Greek word 'asteroeides', meaning what?

- A) Star-like**
- B) Rock-like
- C) Burning-fast
- D) Far-away

13. The planet 'Uranus' is named after the Greek god of what?

- A) The Sun
- B) The Sky**
- C) The Moon
- D) The Forest

14. The word 'solar' is derived from 'sol', the Latin word for what?

- A) Heat
- B) Light
- C) The Sun**
- D) The Center

15. The term 'Earth' originates from Old English and Germanic words that mean what?

- A) The ground or soil**
- B) The blue marble
- C) The center place
- D) The living world