

Basic Astronomy Know-How

Astronomy · Answer Key · 8 Questions

1. What is the name of the galaxy our solar system is a part of?

- A) Andromeda
- B) Triangulum
- C) Whirlpool
- D) Milky Way**

2. Which planet in our solar system is famously known as the "Red Planet"?

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

3. What is the largest planet in our solar system?

- A) Earth
- B) Saturn
- C) Jupiter**
- D) Uranus

4. Which celestial body has the biggest gravitational effect on Earth's tides?

- A) The Sun
- B) Mars
- C) The Moon**
- D) Venus

5. Which planet is closest to the Sun?

- A) Earth
- B) Venus
- C) Mercury**
- D) Mars

6. What type of celestial body generates its own light and heat?

- A) Planet
- B) Moon
- C) Asteroid
- D) Star**

7. How many major planets are officially recognized in our solar system?

A) 7

B) 8

C) 9

D) 10

8. What is the common term for a streak of light seen in the night sky when a space rock burns up in Earth's atmosphere?

A) Comet

B) Nebula

C) Shooting star

D) Aurora