

# Usborne Children's Encyclopedia Space Quiz

Astronomy · Practice Test · 15 Questions

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## 1. What are stars made of?

- A) hot gas
- B) hot rock
- C) hot chocolate

## 2. Which of these planets has icy rings around it?

- A) Mercury
- B) Saturn
- C) Venus

## 3. Which of these planets is closest to the Sun?

- A) Pluto
- B) Saturn
- C) Mercury

## 4. When did people first go into space?

- A) 1861
- B) 1961
- C) 1981

## 5. How long does a space shuttle take to go around the Earth?

- A) 9 months
- B) 9 weeks
- C) 90 minutes

## 6. Why do astronauts carry their own air to breathe?

- A) because the air in space is poisonous
- B) because there is no air in space
- C) in case they run out of air

## 7. What do space probes do?

- A) orbit the Earth
- B) land on the Moon
- C) visit other planets

**8. Which planet spins on its side?**

- A) Jupiter
- B) Uranus
- C) Venus

**9. How long does the Moon take to travel around the Earth?**

- A) 30 days
- B) 31 days
- C) 29 days

**10. Where is the Sea of Tranquility?**

- A) Mars
- B) Earth
- C) The Moon

**11. How hot is the surface of the Sun?**

- A) 8,000° C (14,000° F)
- B) 5,500° C (10,000° F)
- C) 3,500° C (6,300° F)

**12. How many tonnes (tons) of fuel does the Sun burn every second?**

- A) 24 million
- B) 4 million
- C) 40 million

**13. Which space probe landed on Mars?**

- A) Magellan
- B) Voyager
- C) Pathfinder

**14. How many moons does Jupiter have?**

- A) at least 39
- B) at least 47
- C) at least 4

**15. What is the name of our galaxy?**

- A) Milky Way
- B) Betelgeuse
- C) Ganymede