

Solar System Essentials

Astronomy · Answer Key · 8 Questions

1. How many planets are currently officially recognized in our solar system?

- A) 7
- B) 8**
- C) 9
- D) 10

2. In which year was Pluto reclassified from a planet to a dwarf planet by the IAU?

- A) 2001
- B) 2006**
- C) 2010
- D) 2015

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

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

4. Approximately how many minutes does it take for light from the Sun to reach Earth?

- A) 8 minutes**
- B) 15 minutes
- C) 22 minutes
- D) 30 minutes

5. Which planet is famously known as the 'Red Planet'?

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

6. What is the numerical position of Earth from the Sun?

- A) 1st
- B) 2nd
- C) 3rd**
- D) 4th

7. How many moons does the planet Mars have?

A) 0

B) 2

C) 12

D) 62

8. Who is the namesake of the planet Venus in Roman mythology?

A) God of War

B) Goddess of Love

C) Messenger of the Gods

D) God of the Sea