

1 The Universe

1. What do you know about planets and stars?

1. Write three sentences about the planet Earth.

2. Write three sentences about stars.

3. Which are your favourite new words in this unit?

2. Vocabulary. Complete the planet descriptions with these words:

atmosphere *breathe* *colour* *life* *moons*
object *planet* *surface* *temperatures* *water*

Earth is the only (1)_____ that has (2)_____ – that we know of! You need swimwear to visit this planet because more than half of its (3)_____ is (4)_____.

Venus is the brightest (5)_____ in the night sky, and it doesn't have any moons. This planet has a poisonous (6)_____, so it is a difficult place to visit.

Mars is a red (7)_____, and it has two (8)_____. This planet is possibly a nice place to visit because it has similar (9)_____ to Earth, but it doesn't have enough oxygen to (10)_____.

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3. World facts. Use the adjectives below, in the correct form, to complete the world facts. You can use some adjectives more than once.

big high large long low old populated

1. Russia is _____ country in size at 17,000 000 km².
2. Mount Everest in the Himalayas is _____ point in the world at 8,850 km.
3. The Mariana Trench in the Pacific Ocean is _____ point at 11,900 m.
4. China is _____ country with a population of 1.4 billion.
5. Vatican City is _____ country with a population of 890.
6. The Andes in South America is _____ mountain range at 7,600 km.
7. Angel Falls in Venezuela is _____ waterfall at a height of 979 m.
8. _____ reef is the Great Barrier Reef off the north coast of Australia. It is 2,000 km long.
9. The Sahara Desert in North Africa is _____ desert at 9,000,000 km².
10. Djoser Step Pyramid in Egypt is _____ pyramid and was built in 2630 B.C.

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ANSWERS

2. 1. planet 2. life 3. surface 4. water 5. object 6. atmosphere 7. colour
8. moons 9. temperatures 10. breathe
3. 1. the biggest / the largest 2. the highest 3. the lowest
4. the most populated 5. the least populated 6. the longest 7. the highest
8. The longest 9. the biggest / the largest 10. the oldest