




COMPARATIVES AND SUPERLATIVES





Objectives:

- 1. To study the rules of using Comparative and Superlative adjectives.**
 - 2. Grammar Exercises.**
 - 3. Questions.**
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TYPES OF ADJECTIVES



Normal
Adjectives

Superlative
Adjectives

Comparative
Adjectives



COMPARATIVE ADJECTIVES

Comparative adjectives are used to compare differences between the two objects they modify (larger, smaller, faster, higher). They are used in sentences where two nouns are compared, in this pattern:

Noun (subject) + verb + comparative adjective + than + noun

We have two groups of adjectives:



Short
Adjectives



Long
Adjectives

□ Short adjective + ER +than

I'm 70.

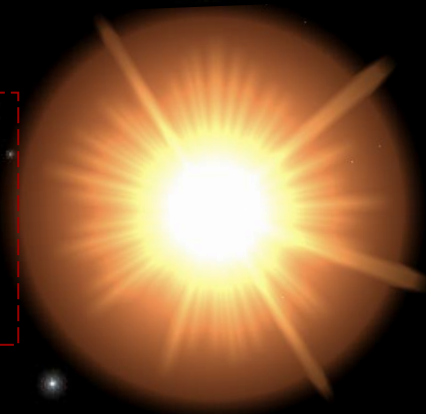


I'm 75.



The woman is **old**. The man is **older than** the woman.

The woman is **old**, but she is **younger than** the man.



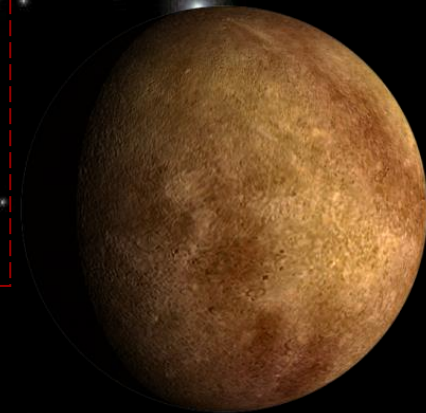
□ Short adjective + ER +than



The polar bear is **big**.

The elephant is **bigger than** the polar bear.

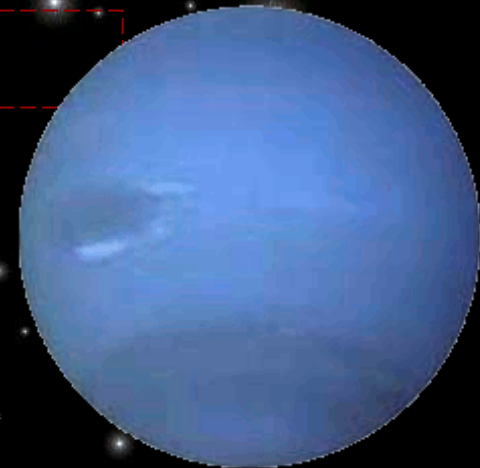
The polar bear is **big**, but it is **smaller than** the elephant



□ Short adjective + ER +than



Yogurt is **tasty**, but ice cream is **tastier than** yogurt.



❑ **Short adjective ending with a consonant + ER**

Old → **Older**

Young → **Younger**

❖ **If the letter before the last in the adjective is a vowel (a,o,e,i,u), we double the last letter:**

Big → **Bigger**

Hot → **Hotter**

❖ **If the adjective ends with a (-y), we change the (-y) into (-i):**

Easy → **Easier**

Heavy → **Heavier**

❖ **If the adjective ends with an (-e), we only add the (-r):**

Late → **Later**

Cute → **Cuter**



RULES:

□ Long adjective:
MORE + long adjective

Exciting → more exciting
Beautiful → more beautiful

□ Irregular adjectives

Good → Better

Bad → Worse

Little → Less





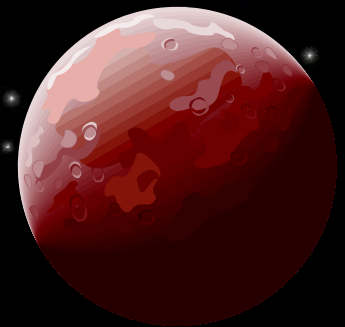
Examples:

- My house is **more beautiful than** hers.
- The rock flew **higher than** the roof.
- You play tennis **worse than** I do.
- Today is a **better** day **than** yesterday.
- The dress is **more expensive than** the t-shirt.

COMPARATIVE



Jupiter is bigger than Mars



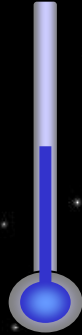
COMPARATIVE



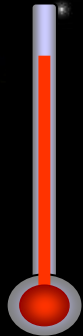
➤ The moon is smaller than Earth



COMPARATIVE



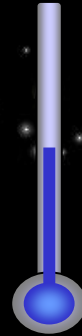
➤ Mars is colder than Earth



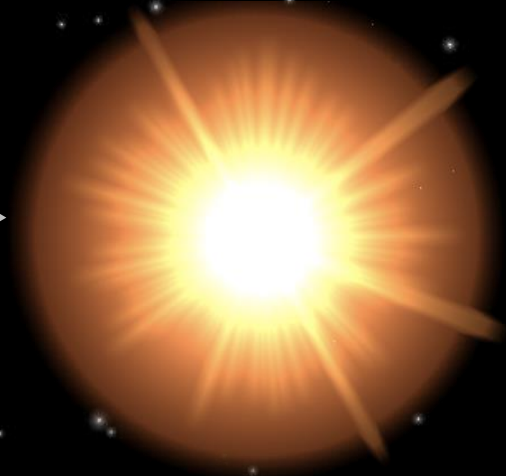
COMPARATIVE



Venus is hotter than Uranus



COMPARATIVE



Saturn is closer to the Sun than Neptune





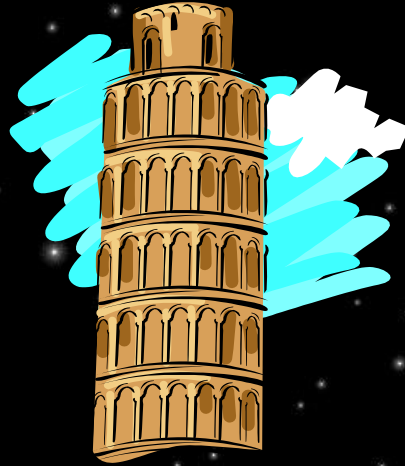
SUPERLATIVE ADJECTIVES

Superlative adjectives are used to describe an object which is at the upper or lower limit of a quality (the tallest, the smallest, the fastest, the highest). They are used in sentences where a subject is compared to a group of objects, in this pattern:

Noun (subject) + verb + the + superlative adjective + noun.

big – bigger – the biggest

□ Short adjective +THE+ EST



Big Ben is **old**.

The tower is **older than** Big Ben.

The Pyramids are **older than** the tower.

The Pyramids are the **oldest**.



□ Short adjective + THE + EST



Yellow house



Green house

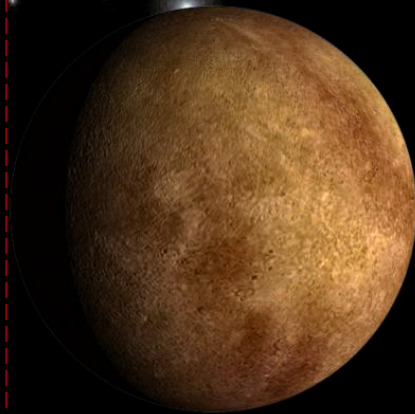


Blue house

The yellow house is small.

The green house is bigger than the yellow one.

The blue house is the biggest.



❑ **Short adjective ending with a consonant+ EST.**

Old → Oldest

Young → Youngest

❖ **If the letter before the last in the adjective is a vowel (a,o,e,i,u), we double the last letter:**

Big → Biggest

Hot → Hottest

❖ **If the adjective ends with a (-y), we change the (-y) into (-i):**

Easy → Easiest

Heavy → Heaviest

❖ **If the adjective ends with an (-e), we only add the (-st):**

Nice → Nicest

Cute → Cutest



RULES:

□ Long adjective:

THE MOST + long adjective

Exciting → **the most** exciting

Beautiful → **the most** beautiful

□ Irregular adjectives

Good → **Better** → **Best**

Bad → **Worse** → **Worst**

Little → **Less** → **Least**

RULES:





Examples:

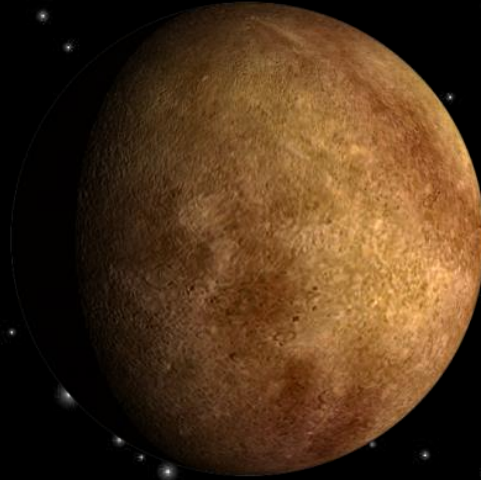
- Their house is **the largest** one in our neighborhood.
- This is **the best** game I've ever played.
- Your dog ran **the fastest** of any dog in the race.
- I bought the **most expensive** dress in the shop.

SUPERLATIVE



Jupiter is the biggest planet
in the Solar System

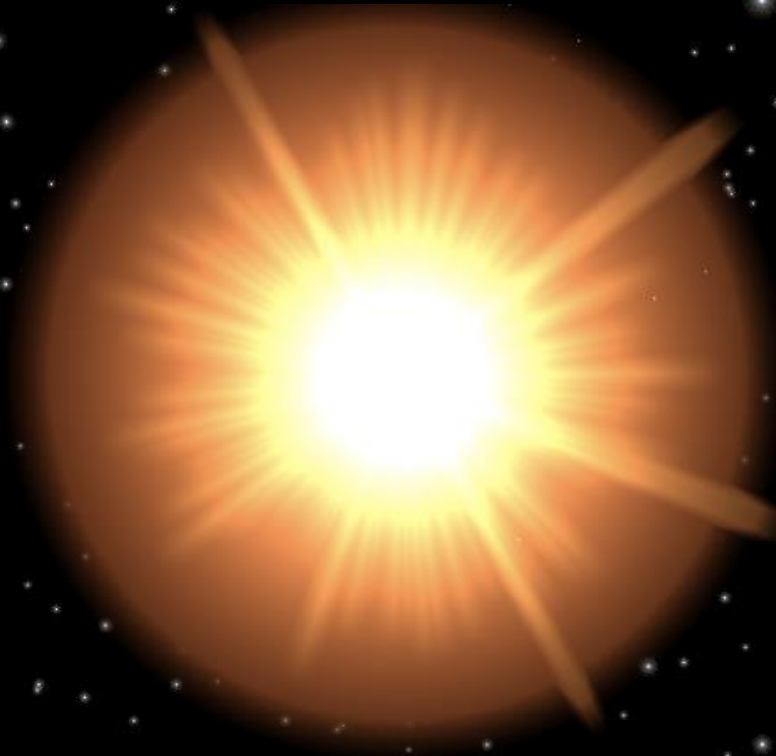
SUPERLATIVE



Mercury is the smallest planet
in the Solar System

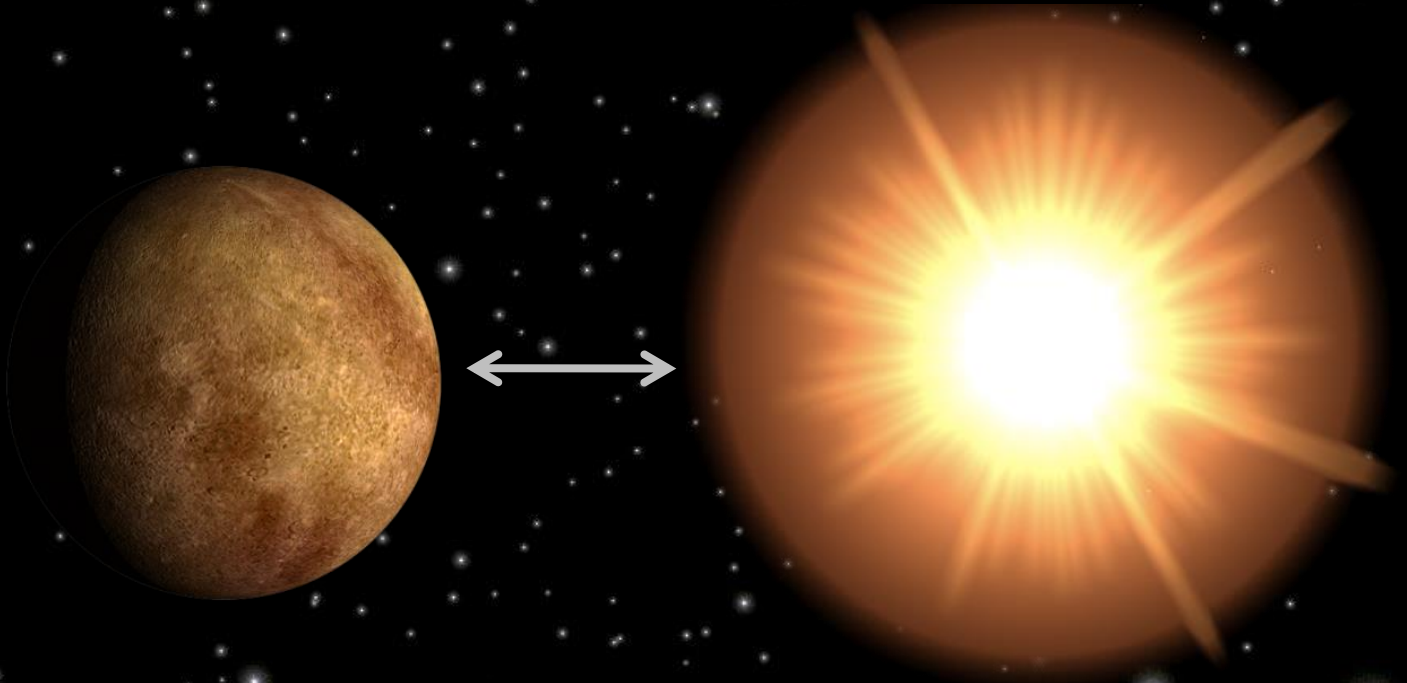


SUPERLATIVE



The Sun is the hottest star
in the Solar System

SUPERLATIVE

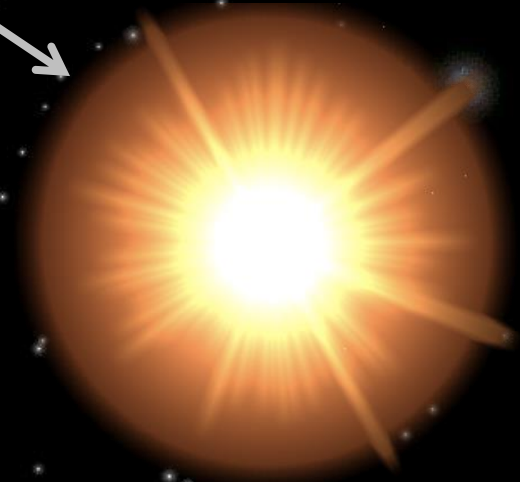


➤ Mercury is the closest planet to the Sun

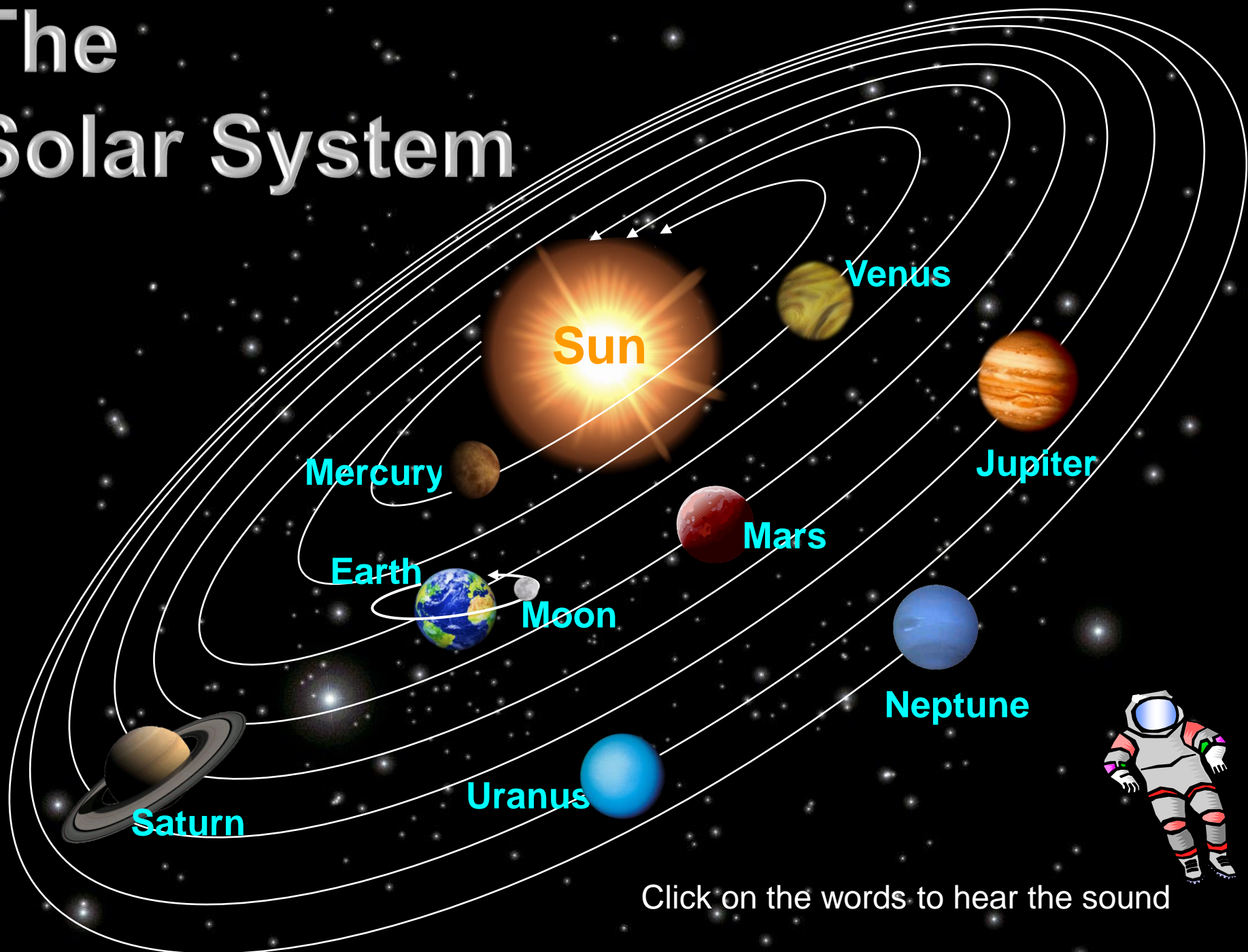
SUPERLATIVE



Neptune is the farthest planet from the Sun

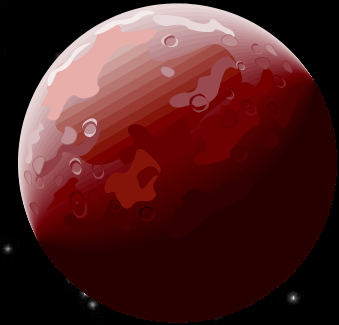


The Solar System



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Complete the sentence with the right form of the adjective



Jupiter is bigger than Mars

biger

bigger

biggest

Complete the sentence with the right form of the adjective



Jupiter is the biggest planet in
the Solar System

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Complete the sentence with the right form of the adjective



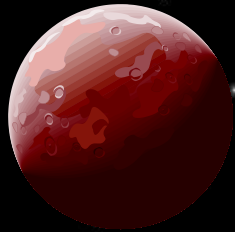
The moon is smaller than Earth

small

smallest

smaller

Complete the sentence with the right form of the adjective



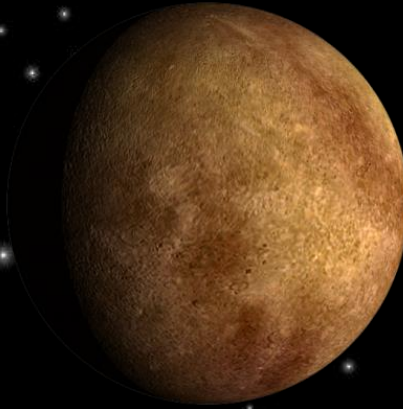
Mars is colder than Earth

colder

coldest

cold

Complete the sentence with the right form of the adjective



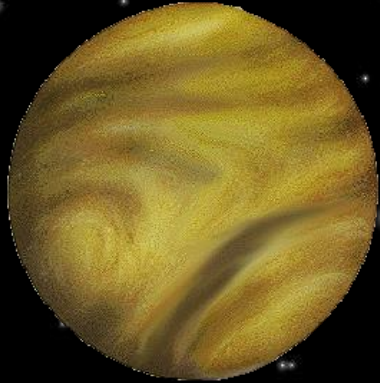
Mercury is the smallest planet in
the Solar System

smaller

smallest

small

Complete the sentence with the right form of the adjective



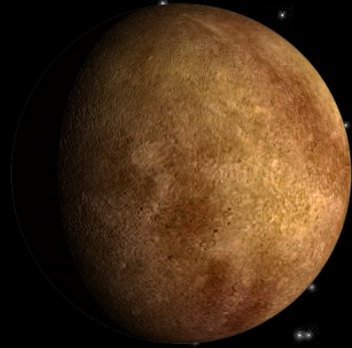
Venus is hotter than Uranus

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Complete the sentence with the right form of the adjective



Mercury is the closest planet to
the Sun

closest

closer

close

Complete the sentence with the right form of the adjective



Neptune is the farthest planet
from the Sun

farthest

farther

fares



THE END

