

The last part of the inner solar system is called the Asteroid Belt. It's the line between the inner rocky planets and the outer gaseous planets. Unlike the rest of the Inner Solar System, the Asteroid Belt isn't a planet at all. It is a bunch of large rocky chunks, mostly meteoroids. There's also a dwarf planet named Ceres in the asteroid belt. The rest aren't very large.

The Earth is the only planet that we know of with life on it, but universe is a big place. Much of our solar system is still a mystery, there is still plenty to explore.

1 Select the correct answer.

Which of these statements is true?

- a. Venus orbits the sun more quickly than Mercury.
- b. Mercury orbits the sun more slowly than Mars.
- c. Earth orbits the sun more quickly than Venus.
- d. Mars orbits the sun more slowly than Earth.

2 What types of gas make up the majority of Earth's atmosphere?

nitrogen and oxygen

3 According to the text, where would you find water on Mars?

at the north and south pole

4 How long does it take for light to travel from the sun to Earth?

it takes 8 minutes

5 Which of the following would be the most appropriate nickname for Venus?

- a. the cold desert planet
- b. the first inner planet
- c. the planet
- d. the triple mooned planet

