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# Know Your Planets!

A mnemonic (neh-MON-ik) device helps you remember something. You can remember the order of the planets in our solar system with this mnemonic device: "My Very Excited Mother Just Served Us Noodles." In this sentence, the first letter of each word is also the first letter of each planet's name. Use the chart below to answer the questions.

The Planets (in order from the sun)	 SUN	Mnemonic Device
Mercury		My
Venus		Very
Earth		Excited
Mars		Mother
Jupiter		Just
Saturn		Served
Uranus		Us
Neptune		Noodles

1. In the mnemonic device, the word "noodles" stands for this planet:

\_\_\_\_\_

2. What word stands for Mars?

\_\_\_\_\_

3. Which planet is closest to the sun?

\_\_\_\_\_

4. Which is the fourth planet from the sun?

\_\_\_\_\_

5. Which two planets are Saturn's closest neighbors?

\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

6. How many planets are there in all?

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**TRY THIS:** Create your own mnemonic device for the order of the planets. Share it with the class.

M \_\_\_\_\_ V \_\_\_\_\_ E \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_  
J \_\_\_\_\_ S \_\_\_\_\_ U \_\_\_\_\_ N \_\_\_\_\_