

Warm-up questions



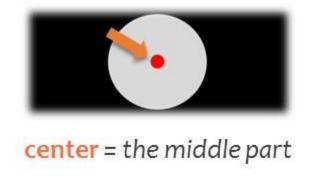
What do you know about the Sun?

Read and learn

The Sun: Our Nearest Star

Do you like warm, sunny days? Do you enjoy the sunshine? What do you know about the Sun?

The Sun is at the center of the solar system. It is about 150 million kilometers from Earth, yet it is our nearest star. It takes 8 minutes for the sunlight to travel to Earth.





solar system = a system with the Sun, moon, stars, and other planets

Learn the new words.

The Sun is over one million times bigger than Earth. It is an enormous ball of burning gases. The core temperature is 15 million degrees Celsius and the surface is 5,500 degrees Celsius. Because of its high temperature, it's impossible to fly to the sun and land there.

Lastly, the sun is over 4 billion years old but it is still young. It is believed to continue shining for another 5 billion years.

enormous

= very big, giant, huge

gas

= something like air that can burn easily

core

= center, middle

surface

= the top layer of something

Fill in the blanks.

center solar system enormous gases core surface

- 1. The Sun is a huge ball of burning _____.
- 2. The Sun is an _____ ball found in the solar system.
- 3. The Sun's _____ temperature is 5,500 degrees Celsius.
- 4. Its _____ temperature is 15 million degrees Celsius.
- 5. We have eight planets in the ______.
- 6. I live in the _____ of this town.

• Grammar

million & billion

1 million = 1,000,000 & 1 billion = 1,000,000,000

Examples

$$5123123123 \rightarrow 5$$
, 123 , 123 , 123 , 123 billion million thousand

= five billion, one hundred twenty-three million, one hundred twenty-three thousand, one hundred twenty-three

Read the numbers:

- (1). 4, 101, 101, 145
- (2). 4, 101, 101, 145, 145 (1 trillion = 1, 000, 000, 000, 000)

· Complete the information about Mr. Sun.

I am an enormous ball of burning _____.

My light travels for _____ minutes to the Earth.

I am 150 million kilometers away from the _____.

My _____ temperature is 15 million degrees Celsius.

I am already _____ billion years old.

Mr. Sun