

## The Outer Planets

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### I. Jupiter

Tilt  $3.12^\circ$

Experiences differential rotation

Atmosphere:  
White Ovals:  
 Cool, high clouds  
Brown ovals:  
 Warm, low clouds  
Belts: dark reddish bands (cool material sinks)  
Zones: light-colored bands (warm material rises)

1. Jupiter is the most massive planet in the solar system.

Circle One:  True      False (Fit 1,300 Earths in Jupiter)

2. Circle the letter of each sentence that is true about Jupiter.

- a. Jupiter has a dense core of ~~hydrogen~~ <sup>rock</sup> and ~~helium~~ <sup>iron</sup>.  
 b. Jupiter's atmosphere is extremely ~~thin~~ <sup>thick</sup>. → 86% - Hydrogen  
13% - Helium  
 c. Jupiter has dozens of moons revolving around it.  
 d. More than 60 moons have been discovered to be revolving around Jupiter.

3. What is the Great Red Spot on Jupiter?

Large Storm (larger than Earth, high speed winds)  
 ↳ no continents to slow it down      375 + mph

4. Jupiter has a strong magnetic field. (Not in the book.)

Circle One:  True      False (14x stronger than Earth)

5. Faint dust rings exist around Jupiter.

Circle One:  True      False (3 ringlets of dust particles)

6. What are Jupiter's four largest moons?

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| 1. <u>Io</u>       | 3. <u>Europa</u>   |
| 2. <u>Ganymede</u> | 4. <u>Callisto</u> |

Interior:  
Mantle: liquid hydrogen + helium  
Outer Core: water + methane "ices"  
Inner Core: rock + iron

### II. Saturn

Tilt:  $26.7^\circ$

Experiences differential rotation

← 1,000 mph winds

1. Like Jupiter, Saturn has an atmosphere composed mainly of hydrogen and helium.

Circle One:  True      False (96% Hydrogen, 3% Helium)

2. Saturn has a strong magnetic field. (Not in the book.)

Circle One:  True      False

3. What are Saturn's rings made of?

Chunks of ice + rock  
 (travels in own orbit)

Interior:  
Mantle: liquid hydrogen helium  
Outer Core: liquid ices  
Inner Core: rock + metal

4. Saturn has only a few thin rings.

Circle One:      True       False

5. The largest of Saturn's moons is called Titan (thousands of rings 10 meters thick)

(shaped of S.S.)

### III. Uranus

Interior:  
 \* Mantle:  
 liquid hydrogen  
 helium  
Outer core:  
 highly compressed  
 \* Inner core:  
 rocky

\* Exaggerated Seasons  
 Summer = 42 yrs.  
 Winter = 42 yrs.

- When was Uranus discovered? 1781 (William Herschel)
- Why does Uranus look blue-green?  
Traces of methane in the atmosphere  
 (Hydrogen = 83%, Helium = 15%, Methane = 2.3%)
- Uranus is surrounded by 11 dark rings and more than 21 moons.  
 (discovered in 1977 as a star blocked rings)
- What are Uranus' five largest moons like?  
They have icy, cratered surfaces  
 (Miranda = seriously disturbed + reassembled)
- How is the rotation of Uranus unlike that of most of the other planets?  
Uranus rotates from top to bottom instead of side-to-side (Tilt 97.9°) → Collision with Earth-sized object  
Retrograde rotation → 84 Earth years

### IV. Neptune

Hydrogen = 79%  
 Helium = 18%  
 Methane = 3%

Atmosphere:  
Belts: dark blue around equator  
Zones: Light Blue  
Greenish Belt: near South Pole  
 different chemically

Tilt 29.6° (Size: 3.9x Earth's diameter)

- When was Neptune discovered? 1846 (Johann Galle)
- Neptune's atmosphere is blue and has no clouds.  
 Circle One: True False
- Neptune is surrounded by several (2) dark rings and more than 13 moons.
- A storm similar in size to the one on Jupiter, that emerges and disappears on Neptune is known as the Great Dark Spot (disappeared in 1994, re-emerged in 1995)
- In the 1800's, how was the location of Neptune predicted? (Not in the book)  
Uranus not following predicted orbit (Gravity pulls elsewhere)

### V. "Pluto"

Tilt 118°

\* Only case where a planet and a moon have synchronous rotation

Charon:  
 never rises, just hovers in the sky  
 same side always faces each other

- When was Pluto discovered? 1930 (Not in the book.) Clyde Tombaugh
- How often does Pluto revolve around the Sun? 248 Earth yrs. (17.1 orbital tilt)
- Circle the letter of each sentence that is true about Pluto.  
 "Karen"  
 (a) One of its moons (Charon) is more than half Pluto's size.  
 (b) Pluto has a rocky gaseous surface (Region of rock, ice, impacts, or mountains)  
 (c) Astronomers know the least about Pluto than any other planet.  
 (d) Pluto is sometimes closer to the Sun than Neptune.
- Pluto is currently classified as a dwarf planet. (Not in the book.)  
 most terrain differences (Except Earth's)