

Speed of light "c" =  $3.0 \times 10^8$  m/s  
or

"c" =  $3.0 \times 10^5$  km/s  
300 000 km/s

*1 yr = 365 days  
1 day = 24 hr  
1 hr = 60 min  
1 min = 60 Sec*

1 year in seconds

$$\text{Time} = 1 \text{ year} \times \frac{365 \text{ days}}{1 \text{ year}} \times \frac{24 \text{ hr}}{\text{day}} \times \frac{60 \text{ min}}{1 \text{ hr}} \times \frac{60 \text{ sec}}{\text{min}}$$

$$= 31\,536\,000 \text{ seconds}$$

Distance of 1 light year =  $c \times t$

$$= (3.0 \times 10^5 \text{ km/sec}) \times (31\,536\,000 \text{ sec})$$

$$= 9.4606 \times 10^{12} \text{ km}$$

*given on a test*

Conversion is

$$1 \text{ Light year} = 9.4606 \times 10^{12} \text{ km}$$

it is a measure of Distance

Ex) *If a star is 18 light years away, what is its distance in "km"?*

$$18 \text{ Light years} \times \frac{9.4606 \times 10^{12} \text{ km}}{1 \text{ Light year}} = 1.70 \times 10^{14} \text{ km}$$

*exp button not x*

*1.70 14  
Space on calculator means x10*

Ex2) *If a star is  $2.76 \times 10^{14}$  km away, how many light years is that?*

$$2.76 \times 10^{14} \text{ km} \times \frac{1 \text{ Ly}}{9.4606 \times 10^{12} \text{ km}} = 29 \text{ Light years}$$

*This is Really Division*

*It is light years away*

Exp or  $\cdot 10^x$

9.4606 Exp 12

9.4606 12

9.4606  $\times 10^{12}$

So if a star is 9 Light years away

What is it's distance in km?

exp button  
on  
calculator

9.4606 Exp 12

$$1 \text{ Light year} = 9.4606 \times 10^{12} \text{ km}$$

$$9 \text{ Ly} \times \frac{9.4606 \times 10^{12}}{1 \text{ Ly}} = \boxed{\phantom{000000000000}}$$

$$9 \text{ light years} = (9.4606 \times 10^{12}) \text{ km} \times 9$$

$$= 8.51454 \times 10^{13} \text{ km}$$

$$= 85145400000000 \text{ km}$$

on calculator  
screen

8.51454 13

SPACE  
x 10

Starting with the sun, can you list  
the planets?

My  
Very  
Excited  
Mother  
Just  
Served  
Us  
Nachos

**Sun**

**Mercury**

**Venus**

**Earth**

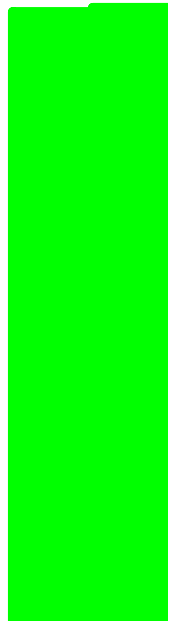
**Mars**

**Jupiter**

**Saturn**

**Uranus**

**Neptune**



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Our solar system consists of the sun and everything that travels around it.

Planets and moons do not emit their own light. They are nonluminous. We can see them because light from the sun reflects off them.

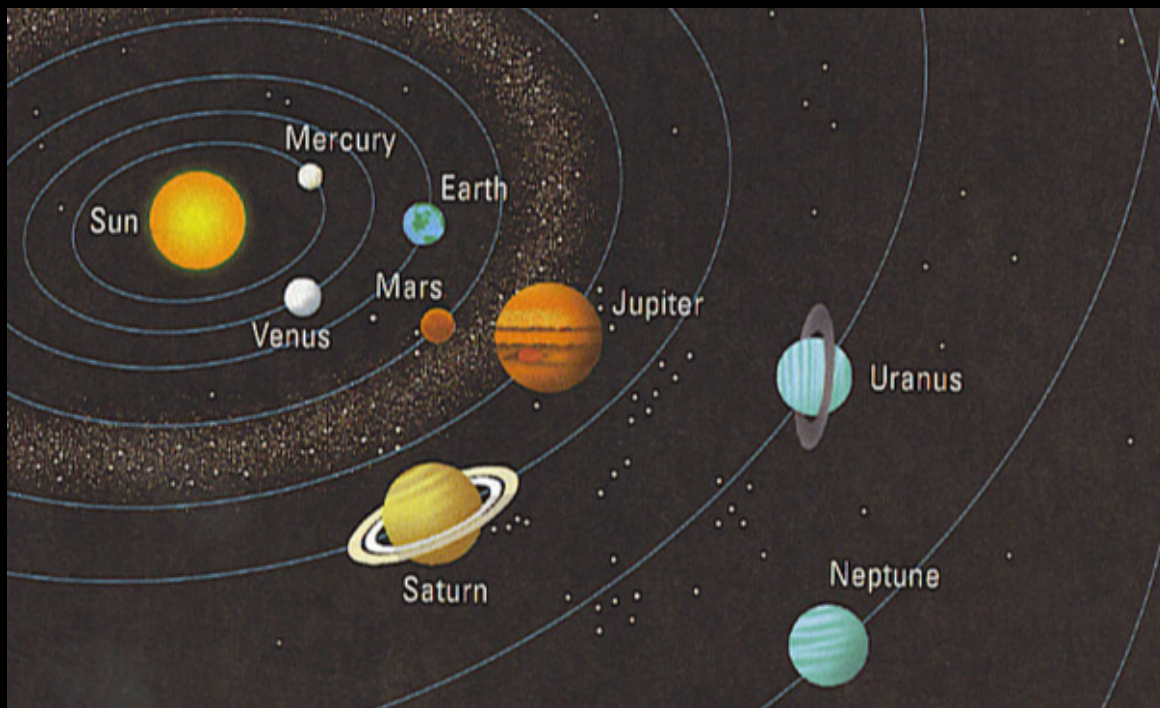
**FUN NOTE:**  
Everything in the solar system is much closer to earth than the stars.

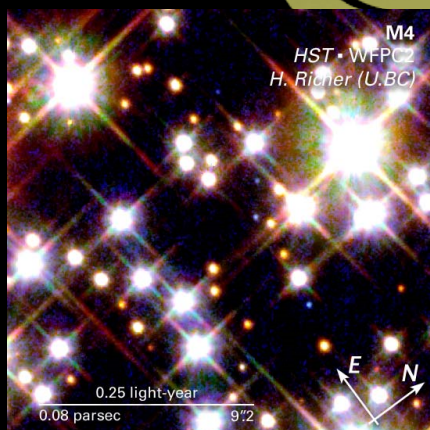


## How come we can't see all the planets

**The sun is very bright, so objects close to it get hidden in the daytime glare.**

**So when Mercury comes close to the sun it becomes difficult to see from Earth.**





**A star is matter that emits huge amounts of energy.**

**A planet is matter that revolves around a star.**

**Table 1** Comparing Planets and Stars

Feature	Planet	Star
location	in the solar system	far beyond the solar system
distance from Earth	fairly near	very far
real size	smaller than most stars	usually larger than planets
reason we see object	reflects light from the Sun	emits its own light
surface temperature	usually cool or very cold	very hot
what object is made of	usually rocks or gases	gases under high pressure and temperature
observable feature	does not appear to twinkle	appears to twinkle
long-term observable feature	very slowly wanders through constellations	appears to move through sky as part of a constellation



## Attachments

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