

Planets are made of either rock or gases.

Inner planets (Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars) made of rock

Outer Planets (Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune) made of gas

- ALL planets except Mercury have atmosphere

Atmosphere is the thin layer of gases around a planet. The gases are not the same for each planet. For Protection

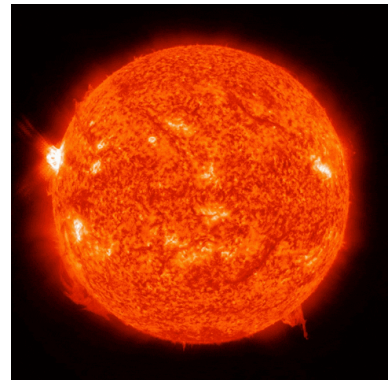
Earth has an atmosphere that is about **3/4 nitrogen, 1/4 oxygen**, and trace amounts of carbon dioxide and other gases

The Moon has no atmosphere

What is in the Solar System?

Sun - is the center of the solar system

- Earth's main source of heat and energy
- All other things reflect the sun's light
- Closes star to Earth



Comets: One of the most spectacular things to see in the night sky. The center is a chunk of ice, gas and dust. Usually a few kilometers in diameter. Comets are small compared to stars and planets. They travel far beyond the planets, at the edge of the solar system (Very long orbit around the sun).

Attachments

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