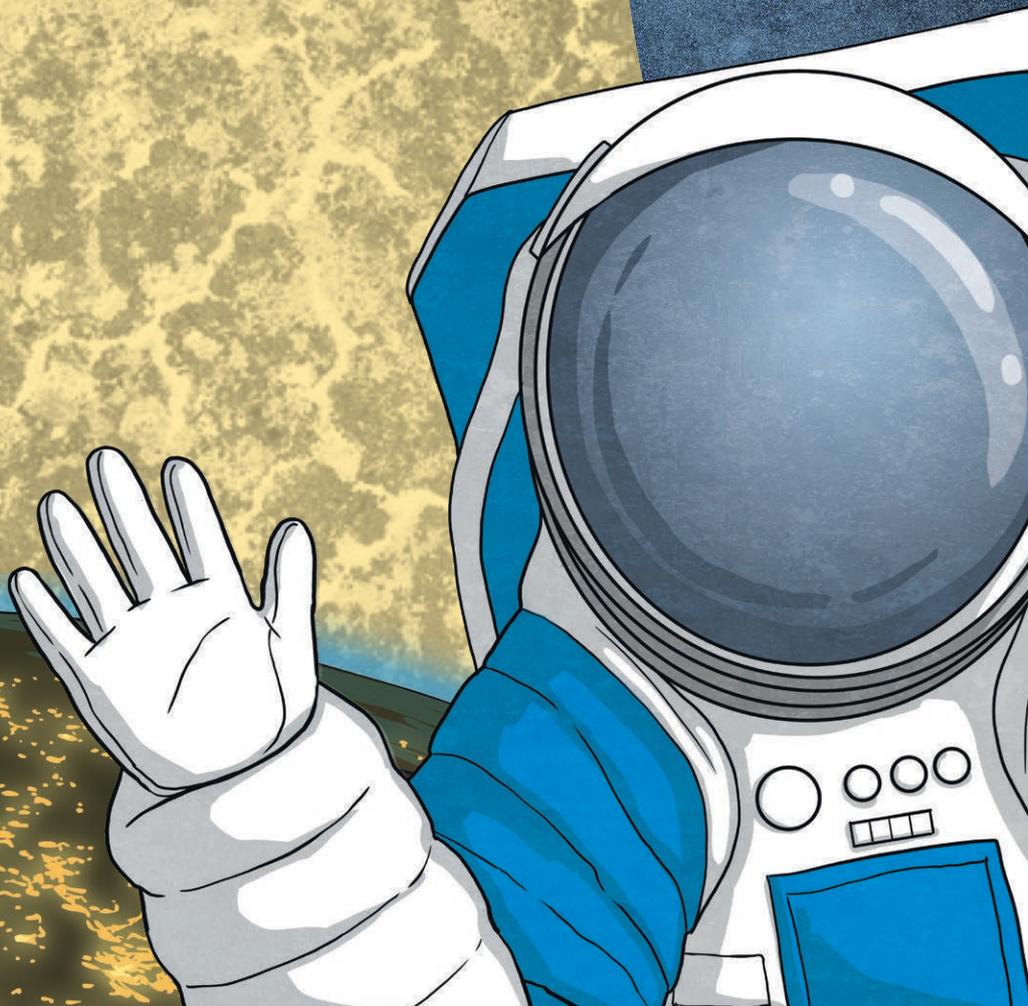


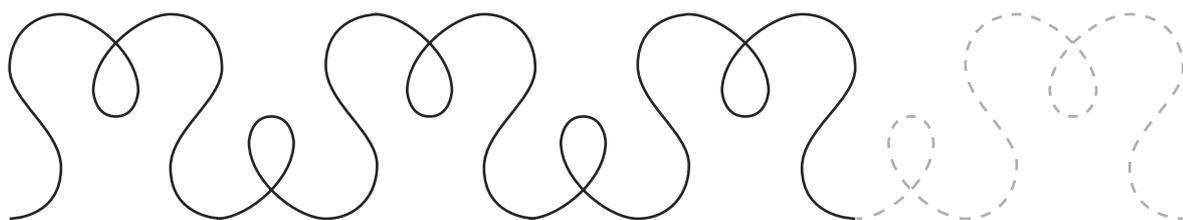
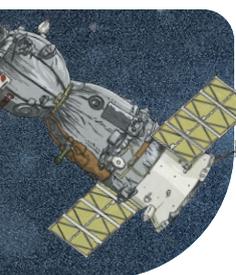
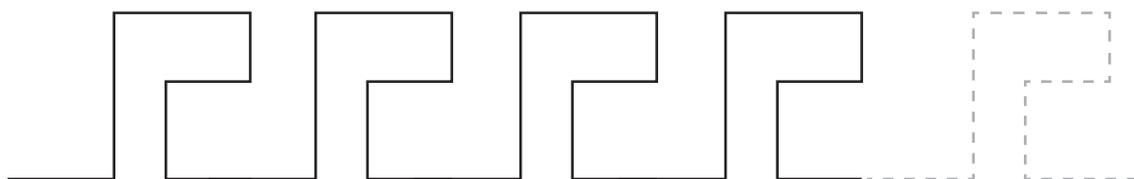
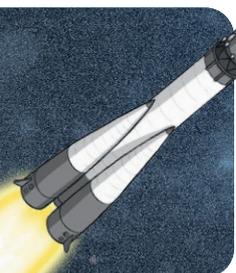
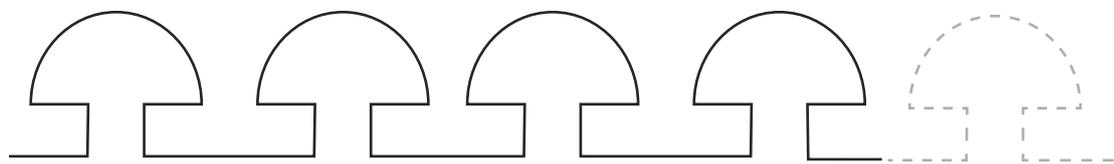
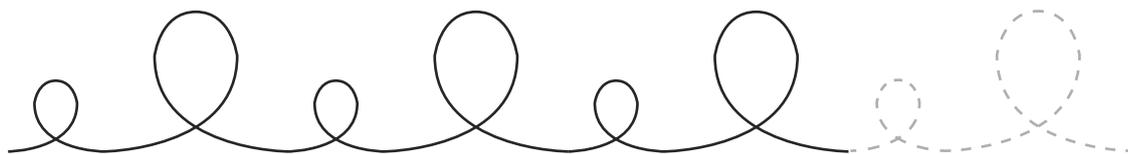
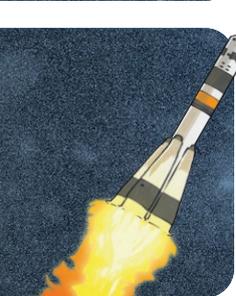
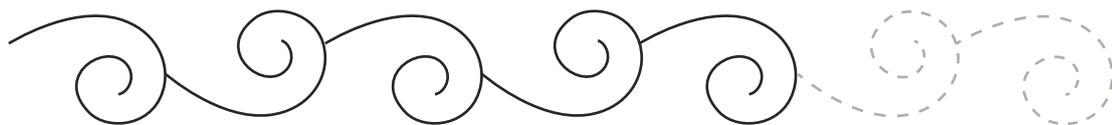
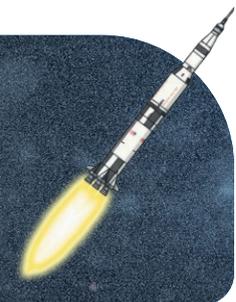
# **Journey to Space**

## **Handwriting Practice**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_



Continue these handwriting warm-up patterns.



Practise writing a line of each letter neatly to reveal an alphabet that is out of this world!

**a** is for **asteroid**

a

**b** is for **the big bang**

b

**c** is for **Cassiopeia**

c

**d** is for **dwarf planets**

d

**e** is for **Earth**

e

**f** is for **full moon**

f

**g** is for **galaxy**

g

**h** is for the **Halley's comet**

h

**i** is for **interstellar**

i

**j** is for **Jupiter**

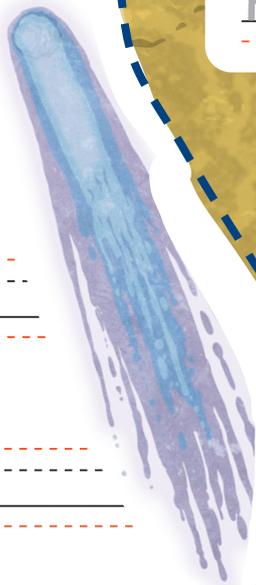
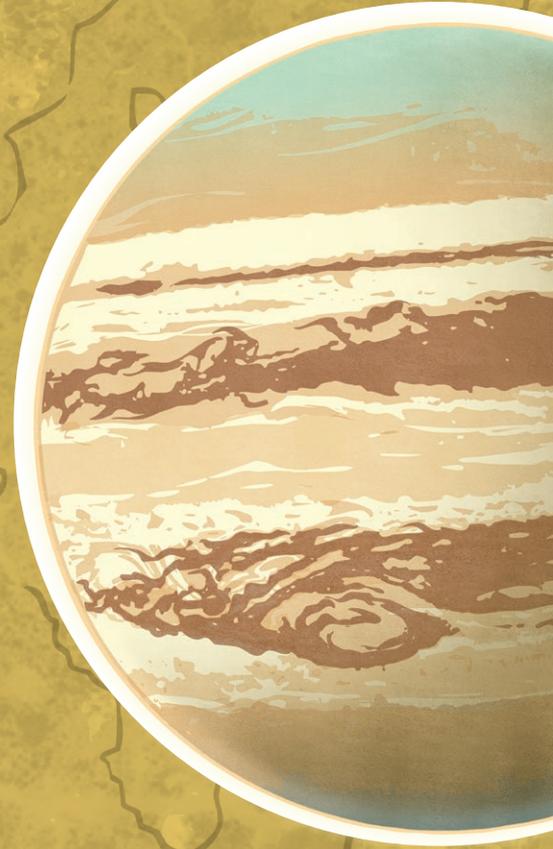
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**k** is in **Johannes Kepler**

k

**l** is for **lunar**

l



Practise writing a line of each letter neatly to reveal an alphabet that is out of this world!

m is for Mercury

m

n is for Neptune

n

o is for orbit

o

p is for Pluto

p

q is for quasar

q

r is for rings

r

s is for Saturn

s

t is for telescope

t

u is for Uranus

u

v is for Venus

v

w

x is in exploration

x

y is in each Earth year

y

z is for the zodiac

z



Rearrange the words inside each planet to make a fact about that planet. Write the sentences in your neatest handwriting style.



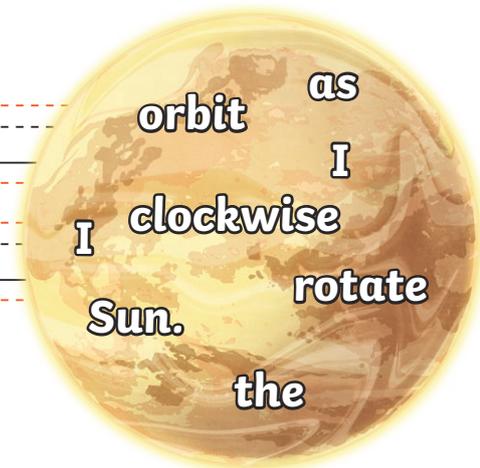
Handwriting practice lines (dotted top and bottom lines, solid middle line) for writing a sentence about Earth.



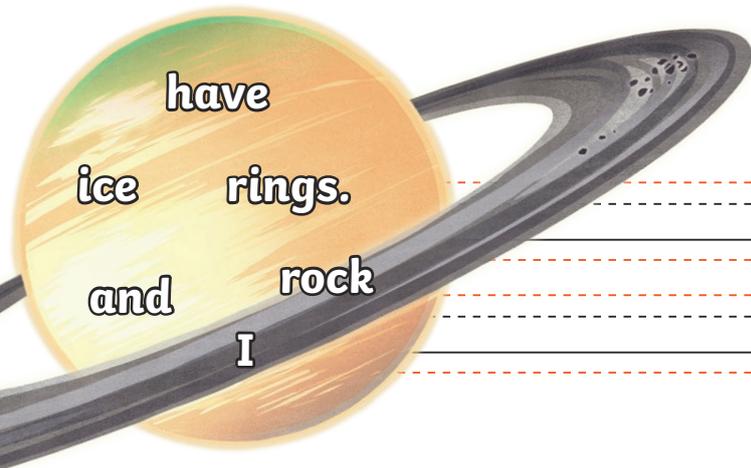
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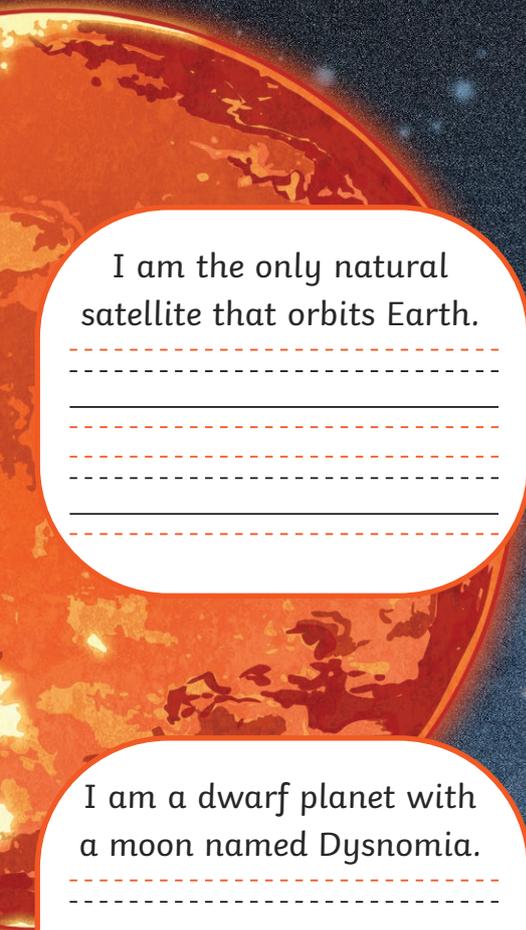
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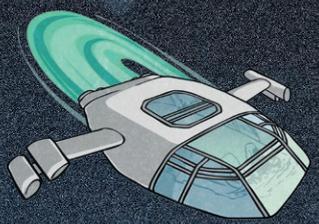
# Journey to Space Handwriting Practice

Use research books and the Internet to help you to solve these riddles about our Solar System. Write the answers on the lines in your neatest handwriting style.



I am the only natural satellite that orbits Earth.

My moons are named Phobos and Deimos.



I am the innermost planet and I have no moons.

I am Neptune's largest moon; I may have been a dwarf planet in the past.

I am a dwarf planet with a moon named Dysnomia.



I am the only star in our Solar System.

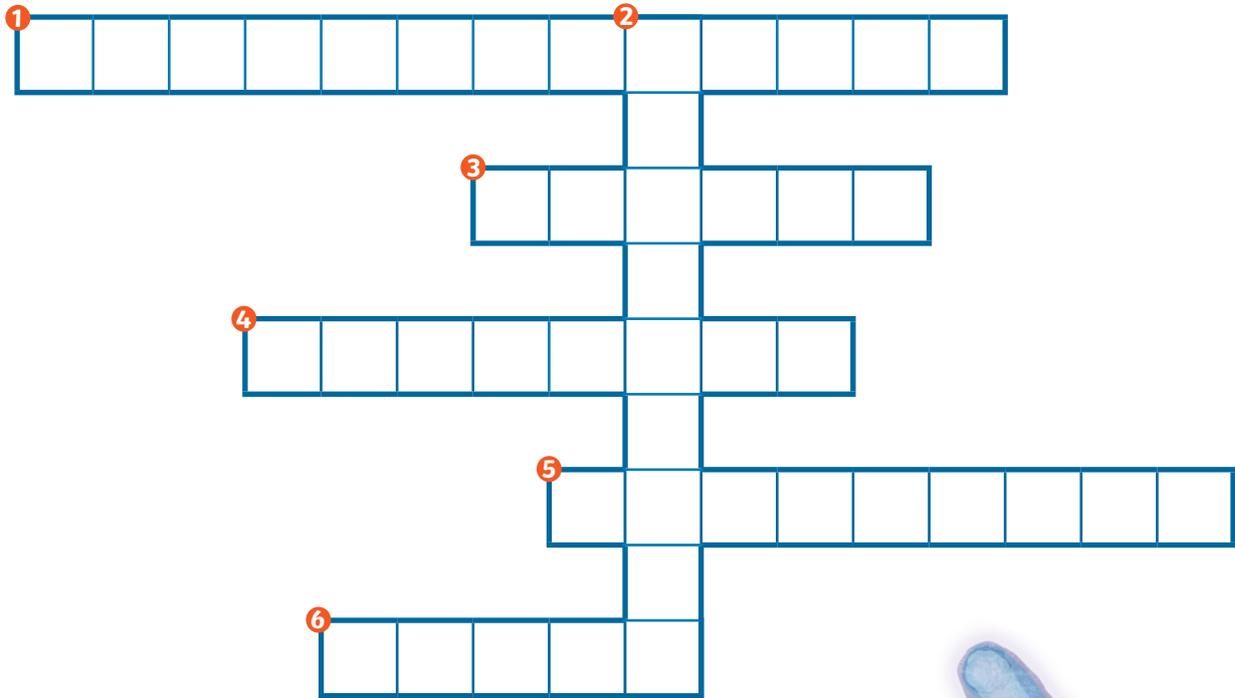
I am the galaxy that our Solar System sits within.

I have 82 moons with known orbits.

I have 79 moons with known orbits.



Solve these clues and complete the space-themed crossword using capital letters.

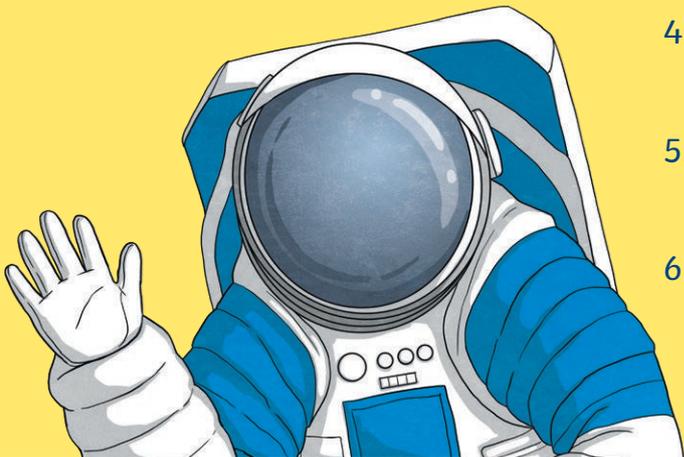


## Down:

2. A person who is trained in space travel.

## Across:

1. A group of stars that form a recognisable pattern.
3. A 'space rock' that enters Earth's atmosphere and burns up.
4. A rocky object (smaller than a planet) that orbits the Sun.
5. A natural or humanly-constructed object that orbits a planet or moon.
6. An object made from ice and dust that can orbit the Sun.





## Solar System Limericks

Mercury's the first of our system,  
The first one you say when you list 'em.  
It's scorching and small  
With no moons at all,  
Unless we were looking and missed 'em.

Venus is easy to spot:  
A beautiful, bright, shining dot.  
But Earth's smaller sister  
Would give you a blister,  
As its surface is so very hot.

Our Earth is four billion years old,  
And the perfect mix of warm and cold.  
It's about two-thirds ocean  
And needs our devotion;  
The future is ours to mould.

Red Mars is the next planet over,  
With tracks left by NASA's Mars Rover.  
It's really quite dusty;  
The surface looks rusty  
Say people from NASA who drove her.

Giant Jupiter spins really fast;  
Compared to the rest, it is vast.  
A big, red storm rages,  
Been blowing for ages,  
And has lots of moons whizzing past.

Saturn is a find that we owe  
To astronomer Galileo.  
He noticed its rings  
Such incredible things  
Made of ice and dust: this we now know.

Seventh from the Sun is Uranus,  
Whose distinguishing feature is plainness.  
But don't you feel glum –  
It's a name for your bum,  
So its main job is to entertain us!

Neptune's a beautiful blue,  
No solid, but gas through and through.  
The furthest away,  
With quite a short day,  
And a really thick atmosphere, too.

Pluto was once on this list,  
But these days is usually missed.  
This huge icy ball  
Was decided too small;  
As a dwarf planet it will persist.

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Trace the poem in your neatest handwriting style.

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