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Read the following and answer the questions.

### Our Solar System

A solar system is a star and everything that orbits it. Orbit means to travel around an object. The name of our solar system is the Milky Way. We call the star at the center of our solar system the sun. Our sun is a medium size star. It is made of hot gases. It gives off heat and light.

There are eight planets that orbit the sun. Those planets are:

1. Mercury
2. Venus
3. Earth
4. Mars
5. Jupiter
6. Saturn
7. Uranus
8. Neptune

Mercury is the closest to the sun and the smallest planet. The largest planet is Jupiter. Some planets have moons and some have rings and moons. Some planets are made of rock and others are made of gas. Only one planet, earth, has living things, including plants, animals and humans.

1. What is at the center of every solar system? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What is our sun made of? \_\_\_\_\_
3. What two things does the earth get from the sun? \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
4. Which planet is closet to the sun? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Which planet is the largest? \_\_\_\_\_
6. Which planet has living things? \_\_\_\_\_