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What is Solar System

Explore the wonders of our Solar System!

DEFINITION

> The Solar System is a collection of celestial bodies, including the Sun, planets, moons, and more, that are bound by gravity. It is where Earth and other planets orbit the Sun.

KEY CONCEPTS

The Sun

The Sun is a star at the center of our Solar System, providing light and heat.

Planets

There are eight major planets that orbit the Sun, each with unique characteristics.

Moons

Many planets have natural satellites called moons that orbit around them.

Asteroids

Asteroids are small rocky bodies mostly found in the asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter.

Comets

Comets are icy bodies that release gas and dust, forming a glowing coma and tail when near the Sun.

EXAMPLES

→ Earth is the third planet from the Sun.

→ Jupiter is the largest planet in our Solar System.

→ The Moon is Earth's only natural satellite.

MEMORY TIPS

★ Remember the order of planets with 'My Very Educated Mother Just Served Us Noodles.'

★ Visualize the Solar System as a big family with the Sun as the parent.

★ Use the acronym 'S-P-M-A-C' for Sun, Planets, Moons, Asteroids, Comets.

COMMON MISTAKES

✗ Confusing the order of planets from the Sun.

✗ Thinking all planets have moons (not all do).

✗ Believing the Solar System is static and unchanging.

QUICK RECAP

The Solar System consists of the Sun, eight planets, moons, asteroids, and comets. Understanding their relationships and characteristics helps us appreciate our cosmic neighborhood. Remember the order of planets and their unique features for your exam!