

Remembering Your Planets

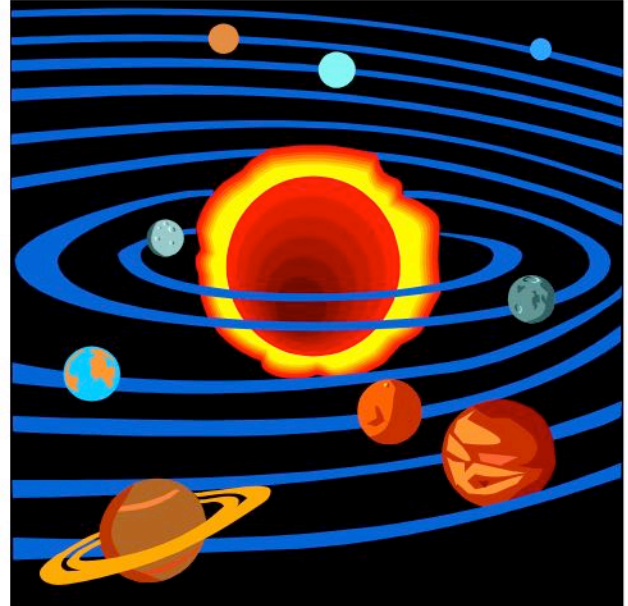
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Jerry was in second grade. He had to learn his planets in science class. His class learned their colors using a picture of the solar system. But Jerry could not remember all of the planets in the right order. He always forgot them, and his teacher wanted to help him. So, his teacher taught him a trick.

The trick was that he just had to remember a silly sentence. The sentence was: *My Very Excellent Mother Just Served Us Nachos.* How did this crazy sentence help with planets? Each word stood for a planet, and they helped him remember the order. The first letter of each word matched the first letters of the planets.

Here is how it worked:

(M)y – Mercury
(V)ery – Venus
(E)xcellent – Earth
(M)other – Mars
(J)ust – Jupiter
(S)erved – Saturn
(U)s – Uranus
(N)achos - Neptune



Now Jerry remembered his planets, and he was hungry!
Mmm... nachos.

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 - D. the planets

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