

# What is a solar system





## Overview

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How many planets are in our Solar System?

Our solar system includes eight planets. So far, Earth is the only place we've found life in our solar system. In addition to the planets, our solar system also includes the Sun, five officially named dwarf planets, hundreds of moons, and thousands of asteroids and comets.

Why is our planetary system called the Solar System?

Our planetary system is called the solar system because we use the word 'solar' to describe things related to our star, after the Latin word for Sun, 'solis'.

What is the Solar System made up of?

Our solar system is made up of the sun and all the amazing objects that travel around it. The universe is filled with billions of star systems. Located inside galaxies, these cosmic arrangements are made up of at least one star and all the objects that travel around it, including planets, dwarf planets, moons, asteroids, comets, and meteoroids.

What is a small body in the Solar System?

Any natural solar system object other than the Sun, a planet, a dwarf planet, or a moon is called a small body; these include asteroids, meteoroids, and comets. Most of the more than one million asteroids, or minor planets, orbit between Mars and Jupiter in a nearly flat ring called the asteroid belt.



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The solar system is made up of the Sun and all the celestial bodies orbiting it. A celestial body is a natural object located in space, such as a planet, natural satellite or meteorite. Orbiting a ...

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