

Solar System Data

Base your answers to question 16 on the accompanying data table, which shows the average distance from the Sun, the average surface temperature, and the average orbital velocity for each planet in our solar system.

16. On the graph below, draw a line to indicate the general relationship between a planet's average distance from the Sun and its average orbital velocity.

Data Table					
Planet	Average Distance from Sun (millions of km)	Average Surface Temperature (°C)	Average Orbital Velocity (km/sec)		
Mercury	58	167	47.9		
Venus 108		457	35.0		
Earth	Earth 150		29.8		
Mars	228	-55	24.1		
Jupiter	Jupiter 778		13.1		
Saturn	aturn 1427		9.7		
Uranus 2869		-214	6.8		
Neptune 4496		-225	5.4		



Average Distance from the Sun

Base your answer to question 17 on the accompanying diagram. This diagram shows a portion of the solar system.

17. What is the average distance, in millions of kilometers, from the Sun to the asteriod belt?

Base your answers to questions 18a and b on the accompanying data table, which provides information about four of Jupiter's moons.

18. *a*) Identify the planet in our solar system that is closest in diameter to Callisto.



(Not drawn to scale)

Data	Table	

Moons of Jupiter	Density (g/cm ³)	Diameter (km)	Distance from Jupiter (km)
lo	3.5	3630	421,600
Europa	3.0	3138	670,900
Ganymede	1.9	5262	1,070,000
Callisto	1.9	4800	1,883,000

b) In 1610, Galileo was the first person to observe, with the aid of a telescope, these four moons orbiting Jupiter. Explain why Galileo's observation of this motion did not support the geocentric model of our solar system.

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15. Why does Planet B revolve faster than Planet C?

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Orbital Distances in Astronomical Units (AU)

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