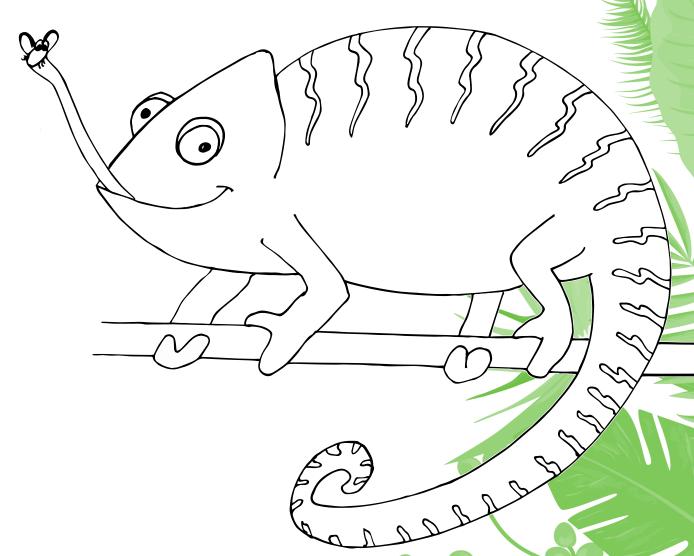


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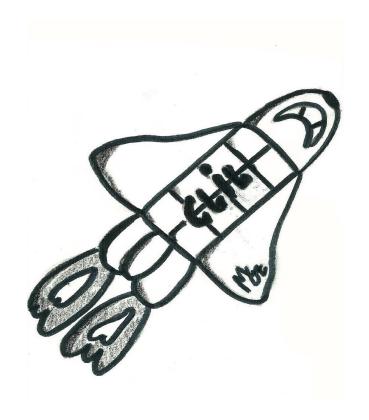
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# UNIT 1 THE UNIVERSE



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#### LANGUAGE

There is/there are \_\_\_\_\_\_It is made up of

Comparatives and superlatives



Before beginning with the Unit, answer the following questions:

What do I know about the Universe?
1
2
3
4
What do I want to learn about the Universe?
1
2
3
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Once you have finished the Unit, answer the following questions:
What have I learnt about the Universe?
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Remember to write down all the new vocabulary and grammar in the vocabulary and grammar section at the end of the unit.



#### 1. THE UNIVERSE

#### 1.1. Welcome to the Universe. The Big Bang

The Universe is everything that exists: matter and energy. Do you want to know what is there inside? Have a look at the video "A Space Journey".

What components of the Universe did you see in it?

1. In the following cloud of words, look for the name of some components of the Universe. Write them down, and translate them into Spanish:





#### Reading comprehension-THE BIG BANG THEORY

Most astronomers believe the Universe began in a Big Bang about 14 billion years ago. At that time, the entire Universe was inside a bubble that was thousands of times smaller than a pinhead. It was hotter and denser than anything we can imagine. Then, it suddenly exploded. The Universe we know was born. Time, space and matter all began with the Big Bang. In a fraction of a second, the Universe grew from smaller than a single atom to bigger than a galaxy. And it is still growing and expanding today.

As the Universe expanded and cooled, energy changed into particles of matter and anti-matter. These two opposite types of particles can destroy each other, but some matter survived forming particles called protons, electrons and neutrons. Only three minutes after the Big Bang, the temperature dropped below 1 billion degrees Celsius. It was cool enough for protons, electrons and neutrons to come together and form the first atoms (hydrogen and helium). These atoms formed the first nebulae, where stars were born.

2. Answer the questions:		
a) Look for synonyms of the f	following words in the text:	
- explosion	- contrary	_
- air sac	- live out	_
- speed		
b) Research what an atom is	s and make a drawing of a hydrogen a	nd helium atom
) T		
c) True or false? If false, corre		
	han a pinhead before the Big Bang	
	g anymore	
- In the universe there is an	ti-matter	

#### 1.2. Stars and constellations

When you look at the sky on a clear night you can see lots of stars. Some are smaller, some are bigger. Some stars bright more than others. Stars, as people, born, grow, live and finally die.

- The universe Big Bang took thousands of years to happen \_\_\_\_\_

- The Universe is mostly made up of hydrogen and helium \_\_\_\_

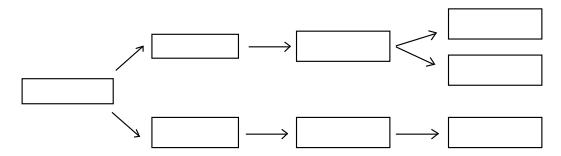
#### Life of a star

Stars are formed in clouds of gas and dust known as nebulae. Nuclear reactions that occur inside them provide energy to make stars bright. If the star is big and has much fuel to burn, it will transform into a massive star first, a red supergiant next. When its fuel is close to finish, the star will explode as a supernova, and its matter can disappear leaving a black hole behind.



On the other hand, an average star can be formed if it has less fuel. As it burns its fuel, it will transform into a red giant, and finally, when its fuel is close to finish, into a white dwarf.

#### 3. Complete the diagram with information from the text

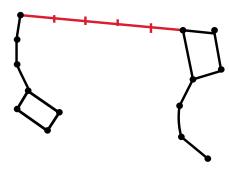


What does it mean "on the other hand"?

Between all stars in the sky, some are more famous than others. The North Star or Polaris is maybe the most famous of all. It is always on the North Pole and can help you to find your way at night.

#### How can I find Polaris on the sky?

First you have to locate the Big Deeper, which is part of the Ursa Mejor (Great Bear) constellation. To identify the North Star, imagine a line connecting the two stars that make up the back of the Big Deeper and add five times that distance. There, you will find the North Star, which is part of the Ursa Minor Constellation.

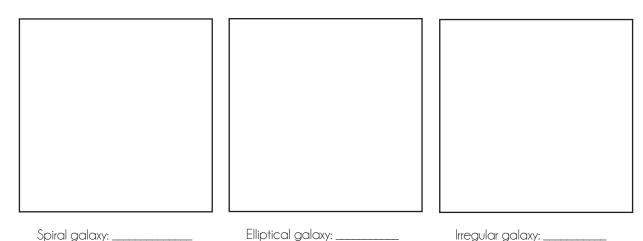


Point out where Polaris is in the drawing.

#### 1.3. Galaxies. The Milky Way

There are billions of galaxies in the Universe. While some are very big, others are very small. While some are very old, others are young. They can show different shapes (spiral, elliptical and irregular).

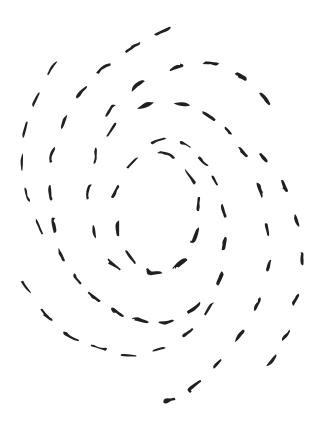
4. Surf the net and make a drawing of each type of galaxy. Look for the name of a real galaxy showing this shape.





Dictation: The Milky Way		

♦ Follow the dotted line to make a drawing of the Milky Way. Point out where the Orion arm and Solar System are.





### 2. THE SOLAR SYSTEM

#### 2.1. What makes up the Solar System

Our Solar System includes:

- The Sun.
- 8 planets and their satellites: Mercury and Venus (no satellites), Earth (Moon), Mars (Fobos and Deimos), Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune (the 4 of them have many satellites).
- 3 dwarf planets: Pluto, Ceres and Eris.
- Comets like the Halley's comet.
- Asteroids (located in the asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter).
- Meteors and meteorites.

5.	Look for images and information on the net and make a drawing of the Solar System.



#### 2.2. The planets

Learn how to pronounce the different planets. Listen to <u>The planets Song</u>.

Now, listen to what each planet is telling to you about itself and write it down-<u>The Solar System Song</u>.

The Sun:			
Mercury:			
Venus:			
Earth:			
Mars:			
Jupiter:			
Saturn:			



Uranus:
Neptune:
To revolve- revolution
All planets <u>revolve/orbit</u> the Sun (turn around the Sun). This movement is called <u>revolution</u> . The time it takes is called <u>a year</u> . All planets revolve anticlockwise.
To rotate-rotation
Planets <u>rotate/spin</u> around its axis (turn around themselves). This movement is called <u>rotation</u> . The time it takes is called <u>a day</u> . All planets rotate anticlockwise, except Venus. Venus rotates clockwise. Uranus spins on its side.
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clockwise anticlockwise
6. Translate the following sentences into Spanish:
Earth revolves / orbits the Sun. Earth spins / rotates around its axis.
All planets orbit anticlockwise.
The movement of revolution takes a year. The movement of rotation takes a day.
Venus spins clockwise. Uranus rotates on its side.



T	HE PLANETS OF THE SOLAR SYS	STEM
GROUP:		
OUR PLANET IS		
Complete the following to show your classmate.	senteces with information about your planet. (Do not s).	t forget to draw a nice picture
Our planet is called	after my the mythological god of	
It is the	(position) form the Sun.	
	(time) to revolve the Sun and (time) to rotate on	
	res of your planet are: during the day	
It has	(number) moons and(number	er) rings.
Something special about	our planet is that	
The appearance of our p	olanet is:	



				PLANET
				Z°
				GOD
				DAY
				YEAR
				TEMP (°C) MOONS
				MOONS
				RINGS
				SOMETHING SPECIAL
				SYMBOL



7.	After you have heard your class mates talking about their planets, answer the following questions. Which			
	planet			
	- takes the longest to orbit the Sun?			
	- is the fastest to orbit the Sun?			
	- has the longest days?			
	- has the shortest days?			
	- has the most satellites?			
	- is closest to the Sun?			
	- supports life?			
	- is the largest in the Solar System?			
	- spins on its axis in the opposite direction?			
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9.	Why is a "day" on Venus longer than a "year"?			
10	).Complete with the correct comparative or superlative form of the right adjective:			
	close short heavy low long cold			
	- Uranus has asurface temperature than the Earth			
	- On day on Venus isthan one day on Earth			
	- Mercury is theplanet to the Sun			
	- An Earth year isthan a Mars year			
	- Jupiter is very big. It is theplanet			
	- Neptune is theplanet			
Wr	ite the opposite adjectives to the ones above.			
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According to what you have learnt, the 8 planets of the Solar System are divided into:

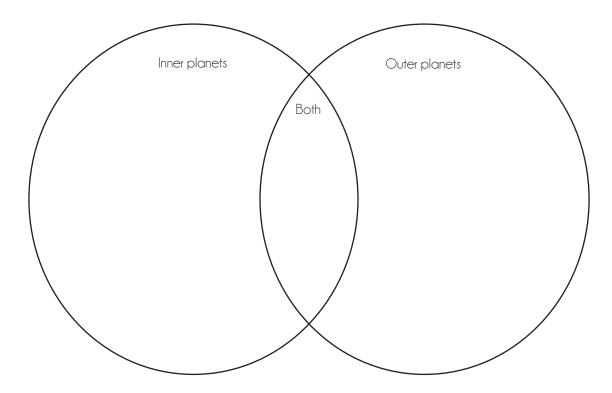
- Inner planets: Mercury, Venus, Earth and Mars
- Outer planets: Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune.

In between both groups, there is the \_\_\_\_\_.

- 11. Complete the following Venn diagram with the things both groups of planets have in common and the differences between them. Here you have some things to compare:
  - ♦ distance to the Sun
- ♦ number of satellites

♦ size

- ♦ rings
- ♦ composition
- ♦ temperature



#### 2.3. Dwarf planets

A planet is a celestial body that meets three conditions:

- orbits the sun.
- has gravity and a round shape.
- follow an orbit and do not share it with other bodies.

Dwarf planets only fulfil the first two, so they are not considered planets. There are three: Pluto, Ceres (one asteroid located in the asteroid belt) and Eris.



12. Surf the net and find the names of other dwarf planets existing in our Solar System.
2.4. Small bodies of the Solar System
In our Solar system, there small bodies that cannot be called planets. They include:
- <u>Asteroids</u> : rocky bodies of different sizes that orbit the Sun in the asteroid belt.
<ul> <li>Meteoroids: asteroids whose orbit crosses that of Earth and can crash into it.</li> <li>Meteors: meteoroids that enter the Earth's atmosphere and disintegrate and burn up. Usually they come from the tail of a comet and they leave a visible trail in the sky. They are known as shooting stars, and man of them produce a meteor shower.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Meteorites: meteoroids that enter the Earth's atmosphere and do not disintegrate reaching the Earth's surface, where they pulverize and cause craters.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Comets: Bodies made up of rock, cosmic dust and ice that orbit the Sun with an elliptical and inclined orbit When they pass near the Sun, the heat evaporates the frozen core of the comet releasing gas and dust which leave a trail looking like a spectacular long tail.</li> </ul>
Make a drawing of each one in order to better remember what each of them is
13. When can we see a famous meteor shower known as "lágrimas de San Lorenzo"? Research what causes it.



#### 3. DISTANCES IN THE UNIVERSE

The universe is very big, so we cannot always use meters or km to express distances. We use special units like Astronomical Units (AU) and light-years.

#### What is an Astronomical Unit (AU)?

It is the distance between the Earth and the Sun=  $150.000.000 \, \mathrm{km}$ 

**Example:** Calculate the number of AU between the Earth and Jupiter (628,743,036 km)

#### What is a light year?

It is the distance light travels in a year. Light makes 300.000 km every second. This makes 9.460.000.000.000 km a year.

Example: Calculate the number of light years between the Earth and Neptune (4.400.000.000.000 km)

14. If a star is at 10 light years from Earth, this means its light arrives to Earth after 10 years. If the star dies, when will we notice it?

- when it dies - a year before - a year after - 10 years after.

Calculate the distance of this star to Earth in km and AU.



15. The distance between Earth and Sun is 8 minutes-light. What does this mean?				
16. Alfa centauri, the closest star to Earth, is at a distance of 4,367 light-years. Calculate its distance in AU.				
4. SPACE EXPLORATION				
Today, different devices are used to study and learn more about the space. Learn the differences between them:				
- <u>Artificial satellites</u> : man-made objects sent into space to remain in orbit around the Earth. They are used for many purposes: communication, meteorology, broadcasting, navigation, etc.				
- <u>Space probes</u> : man-made robots launched at specific target planets. They are equipped with cameras and scientific instruments.				
- <u>Space shuttles</u> : man-made space craft with engines designed to remain in orbit in space for a time and then return to Earth.				
- <u>Space stations</u> : man-made special bases put into orbit around the Earth where astronauts can live for extended periods of time.				
17.Decide which type of device the following objects are. Surf the net for more information:				

- Curiosity \_\_\_\_\_

- Meteosat \_\_\_\_\_

- International Space Station \_\_\_\_\_

- Sputnik \_\_\_\_

- Global Positioning System \_\_\_\_\_

- Apollo 11 \_\_\_\_\_

- Hispasat \_\_\_\_\_



- Opportunity \_\_\_\_\_

## GROUP PROJECT

You are an aerospace engineer and have to design a space probe to learn about the planet you work about before. Let your imagination fly and think of three devices you will include in your robot regarding the planet you are going to explore and what you want to learn about it. Explain why you chose them. Make sure you know how to explain this to your classmates on the blackboard.				



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