

MERCURY

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Facts about Mercury

Mercury is the smallest planet in our solar system.

Mercury is mainly made up of iron.

It's a bit bigger than Earth's moon. Mercury is the closest planet to the sun but not the hottest. It has the thinnest atmosphere in our solar system.



What is Mercury famous for?

Mercury is the fastest planet in the solar system. It is named after Roman Messenger God Mercury, the fastest Roman God. Mercury was known by ancient people thousands of years ago.



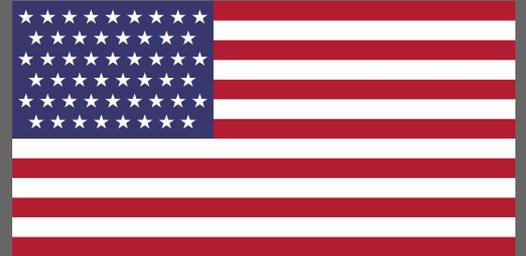
Why does Mercury move so fast?

It moves so fast because it's the closest planet to the Sun, so the Sun's gravity pulls on Mercury more than any other planet.



More Mercury facts

It's a terrestrial planet that means it's an Earth like planet. Mercury is made up of rocks or metals and has a hard surface. Mercury has a huge iron core that takes up 3/4 of the planet's diameter. There's no rings around Mercury. Mercury measures 3,031kms across. It takes 88 days to orbit around the Sun once and that beats the speed of any other planets. Mercury is about the size of the continental United States.



Mercury Video

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