

# Out of This World!

The riddles describe the planets in the solar system. Can you solve them?

1. I am named after an ancient Roman.  
I am the god of messengers and merchants.  
I am also the swiftest of the gods.  
I orbit the sun very fast.

Name me! \_\_\_\_\_

2. Sometimes, you might be able to spot me in the sky.  
I am an orange dot way up in the sky.  
I am known as the 'Red Planet'.  
My soil is rust-coloured.

Name me! \_\_\_\_\_

3. I am blue, green and brown.  
I am a small planet where you can find living things.  
I only have one moon.

Name me! \_\_\_\_\_

4. I am known as the king of the planets because of my size.  
I can fit 1320 Earths in me!  
I have 63 moons, which is definitely more than what you have on your planet.  
I have a great red spot which is a gigantic wind storm, swirling around.

Name me! \_\_\_\_\_

5. I used to be one of the planets that belonged to the solar system.  
Now I am known as a dwarf planet.

Name me! \_\_\_\_\_

6. I am named after a Roman goddess of love.  
I have a thick cover of clouds.  
These clouds are actually poisonous gases.  
Some people call me the 'Evening Star'.

Name me! \_\_\_\_\_

7. I am a big ball of gas with a magnificent ring system.  
I am the second largest planet in the solar system.

Name me! \_\_\_\_\_

8. I am a gas planet that looks blue because I have methane in my atmosphere.  
My atmosphere also consists mainly of hydrogen, helium and ammonia.  
I also have 11 rings around me!

Name me! \_\_\_\_\_

9. I am given the name because of the Roman God of the Sea.  
I have a great dark spot on me which is not permanently there.  
I look blue just like another planet because of the methane in my atmosphere.

Name me! \_\_\_\_\_

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1. **Mercury**
2. **Mars**
3. **Earth**
4. **Jupiter**
5. **Pluto**
6. **Venus**
7. **Saturn**
8. **Uranus**
9. **Neptune**