



Lesson 4 - Student Worksheet

Memorizing the Planets

A mnemonic device is a tool to help you in memorizing a list of names, dates, facts or figures. You can use rhymes, phrases, initials, letters, or words that stand for something in the list you need to memorize.

Objectives:

- To be able to name the planets in order from the Sun.
- To be able to name the planets in order according to size.
- To devise a mnemonic device to help memorize the planets' names for both order and size.

Procedure

1. Read and practice the mnemonic device to remember the names of the planets in order from the Sun.
2. Read the table that is partly completed for a mnemonic device to remember the planets according to size - largest to smallest.
3. Complete the table by making your own mnemonic device for the last 5 planets.
4. Try practicing your own mnemonic device without looking at your paper.
5. If there is time, share your mnemonic device with the class.
Remember that your mnemonic device only has to make sense to YOU!!

In Order from the Sun

My	Very	Educated	Mother	Just	Served	Us	Nine	Pizzas
E	E	A	A	U	A	R	E	L
R	N	R	R	P	T	A	P	U
C	U	T	S	I	U	N	T	T
U	S	H		T	R	U	U	O
R				E	N	S	N	
Y				R			E	

In Order According to Size

Joe	Stayed	Up	Nightly	E_____	V_____	M_____	M_____	P_____
U P I T E R	A T U R N	R A N U S	E P T U N E	A R T H	E N U S	A R S	E R C U R Y	L U T O