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Week 1 – Space Exploration

Welcome to today's word list.

Word List

Voice: Female, Accent

1. Comet
2. Supernova
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4. Orbit
5. Space Shuttle

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Welcome to today's short passage.

Short Passage
Voice: Female

Life is known to exist only on Earth, but in 1986 NASA found what they thought might be fossils of microscopic living things in a rock from Mars.

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Welcome to today's long passage.

Long Passage
Voice: Male

Mercury's eccentric orbit takes the small planet as close as 29 million miles and as far as 43 million miles from the sun. If one could stand on the scorching surface of Mercury when it is at its closest point to the sun, the sun would appear more than three times as large as it does when viewed from Earth. Temperatures on Mercury's surface can reach 800 degrees Fahrenheit. Because the planet has no atmosphere to retain that heat, nighttime temperatures on the surface can drop to -290 degrees Fahrenheit.

Because Mercury is so close to the sun, it is hard to directly observe from Earth except during dawn or twilight. Mercury makes an appearance indirectly – 13 times each century, observers on Earth can watch Mercury pass across the face of the sun, an event called a transit. These rare transits fall within several days of May 8th and November 10th. The first two transits of Mercury in the 21st century occurred May 7, 2003, and November 8, 2006. The next are May 9, 2016, and November 11, 2019.

Mercury speeds around the sun every 88 days, traveling through space at nearly 31 miles per second faster than any other planet. One Mercury solar day equals 175.97 Earth days.



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Mercury's surface resembles that of Earth's Moon, scarred by many impact craters resulting from collisions with meteoroids and comets. Very large impact basins, including Caloris (960 miles in diameter) and Rachmaninoff (190 miles), were created by asteroid impacts on the planet's surface early in the solar system's history. While there are large areas of smooth terrain, there are also lobe-shaped scarps or cliffs, some hundreds of miles long and soaring up to a mile high, formed as the planet's interior cooled and contracted over the billions of years since Mercury formed.

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