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Overview

The children will simply match the pictures with the names of the planets and a word to help them remember their name and the order from the Sun. They will then play a fun game which will further reinforce the information.

Preparation Before The Meeting

1. Print out the Planets handout – found this document. You need one for each child
2. Print out the points chart for the game – found at the end of this document. You just need one copy for you

Activity One - Directions/Leader Speak

1. **Speak** - The next task we need to complete for our Space badge is to be able to name the eight planets in our solar system
2. **Speak** - I am going to give you a handout which has the picture of each planet and its name underneath. You will also notice that it has another word underneath the planet name. This word may help you remember the name of the planets and the order they are from the Sun.
3. **Direction** - Give out the handout
4. **Speak** - Look at your handout while I read the little saying "My Very Easy Method Just Speeds Up Names". If you can remember this saying you can try to match the planet name with the first letter of each word
5. **Speak** - Now I want you to cut out each planet, its name and the word underneath its name so that they are all separate. Once you've done that shuffle all the bits of paper so they are all mixed up
6. **Speak** - Now I want you to put the correct names of the planets next to each one and the other word underneath so the sentence should go "My Very Easy Method Just Speeds Up Names". This will be the distance that the planets are from the 'Sun'
7. **Direction** - Write the sentence on a board if you can or say it very slowly while they find the planet.
8. **Speak** - Okay so the first word in the sentence is 'My' - so find the planet that begins with M, because this is the first letter of the word 'My' isn't it. There are two so we have to decide which one it is. It's Mercury you could say it's because 'My' ends in 'Y' and so does 'Mercury'
9. **Speak** - What's the next word in the sentence. Good okay it's 'Very' now find the planet that begins with 'V' and so on...
10. **Speak** - Okay great let's shuffle up the paper and do this again and see if you can do this in teams of two so help each other

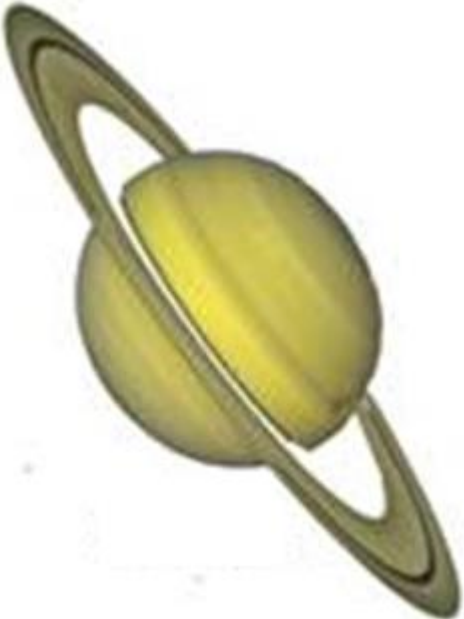
Game - Directions/Leader Speak

1. **Speak** - Get into teams of four
2. **Direction** - Create starting stations for each team at one end of your room. You stand at the other end. Get each child to put all their planets on the floor next to their station
3. **Speak** - Okay I am going to shout out something about a planet and I want you to pick up the planet you think I'm talking about and one child from each team must run it to me (get them to take it back with them)
4. **Speak** - The first child to bring it to me gains a point if it's not the correct one then I will check the next child's planet that got here second

Things to call out...

1. Bring me the planet that you live on
2. Bring me two planets beginning with the letter 'M'
3. Bring me the largest planet (Jupiter)
4. Bring me the planet that is 'Easy'
5. Bring me the planet that is 'Up'
6. Bring me the planet that is 'Yellow'
7. Bring me the smallest planet 'Mercury'
8. Bring me a planet beginning with 'N'
9. Bring me an orange planet
10. Bring me 'Mars'
11. Bring me 'Venus'
12. Bring me 'Mercury'
13. Bring me 'Earth'
14. Bring me 'Jupiter'
15. Bring me 'Saturn'
16. Bring me 'Uranus'
17. Bring me 'Neptune'
18. Bring me a planet that looks like a hat
19. Bring me a dark blue planet
20. Bring me a light blue planet

Planets

		
Mercury	Venus	Earth
My	Very	Easy
		
Mars	Jupiter	Saturn
Method	Just	Speeds
		
Uranus	Neptune	
Up	Names	

Points Chart. Get the kids to give you team names and write them here with their points underneath...

Team Names								
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