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Read each question.

Then, write your answer.

1. What does the name Earth mean?

2. Earth is the _____ planet from the sun.

Circle your answer.

a. second

b. first

b. third

3. Earth's surface is split into plates. What are these plates called?

4. Earth is larger than what other three planets?

5. List two facts of how Earth is different from other planets.

6. How many moons does Earth have?

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Facts about Earth



- All of the planets, except for Earth, were named after Greek and Roman gods and goddesses. The name Earth is an Old English and German name which simply means soil.

- Earth is the third planet from the sun.

- Has one moon.
- It is the only planet that has liquid water on its surface.
- It is the only planet in the solar system that has life.
- The Earth is fragile. Its surface is split into plates (tectonic plates) which float on a rocky mantle – the layer between the surface of the earth, its crust, and its hot liquid core. The inside of the Earth is active and earthquakes, volcanoes and mountain building takes place along the boundaries of the tectonic plates.
- The Earth is larger than Mercury, Venus and Mars, the planets closest to it.
- The Earth differs from all the other planets because it has such a wide diversity of life and intelligent beings. This has only been possible because of the Earth's atmosphere which has protected the Earth and allowed life to flourish.

