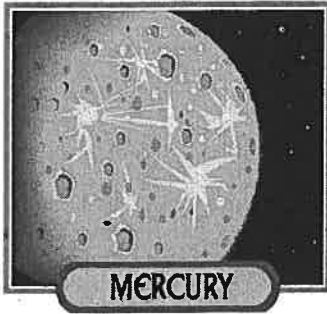


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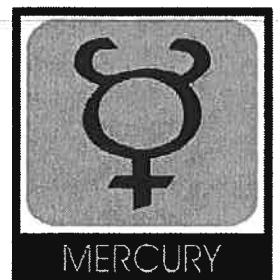
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Facts about Mercury



- In Roman mythology Mercury is the god of commerce, travel and thievery, the Roman counterpart of the Greek god Hermes, the messenger of the Gods. The planet received this name because it moves so quickly across the sky.

- Mercury is a small planet which orbits closer to the sun than any other planet in our solar system.
- Mercury has no moons.
- Mercury's surface is very hot, it features a barren, crater covered surface which looks similar to Earth's moon.
- Mercury is so close to the Sun, the daytime temperature is scorching reaching over 400 degrees Celsius.
- At night however, without an atmosphere to hold heat in, the temperatures plummet, dropping to -180 degrees Celsius.
- Mercury has a very low surface gravity.
- Mercury has no atmosphere which means there is no wind or weather to speak of.
- Mercury has no water or air on the surface.



Mercury's symbol

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Read each question.

Then, write your answer.

1. How many moons does Mercury have?

2. Why was the planet Mercury named after the Roman god?

3. Mercury's surface looks similar to what moon?

4. What is Mercury's temperature at night?

5. Why is there no weather or wind in Mercury?

6. What is Mercury's temperature during daytime?