

## Unit 2

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

### Reading Comprehension

#### Traveling Together Around the Sun

**A** Compare and contrast the planets. Write one sentence for each.

1 What is different about the sun and the Earth?

\_\_\_\_\_

2 What is the same about the Earth and Venus?

\_\_\_\_\_

3 What is different about the Earth and Saturn?

\_\_\_\_\_

4 What is different about Earth's and Neptune's orbits?

\_\_\_\_\_

5 What is the same about the Earth and Mars?

\_\_\_\_\_

**B** Read the causes. Write the effects.

Causes	Effects
1 The sun's gravity is very strong.	_____ _____
2 Planets near the sun have smaller orbits.	_____ _____
3 Scientists send many space probes to Mars.	_____ _____
4 Saturn is made of gas and water.	_____ _____





**C Complete the sentences.**

*Traveling Together Around the Sun* is a \_\_\_\_\_ article.

It's full of \_\_\_\_\_ and information.

**D** Circle the correct answers.

- \_\_\_\_\_ travel around the sun, just like planets.  
**a** Asteroids                                      **b** Craters
- Saturn has giant rings of \_\_\_\_\_ around it.  
**a** gravity    **b** matter
- Jupiter's \_\_\_\_\_ is eleven times bigger than the Earth's.  
**a** diameter                                        **b** distance
- Scientists send many \_\_\_\_\_ to Mars.  
**a** astronomers                                   **b** space probes

**E** Answer the questions.

- 1 What is a planet's path around the sun called?  

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- 2 What was the name of the space probe that landed on Mars in 2012?  

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- 3 How long would it take to drive a car from Earth to the sun?  

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- 4 Why are Earth and Venus called "sister planets"?

**Extra** Read the words. Write the definitions.

## 1 bodies

## 2 explore

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### 3 outer