

Mercury is the smallest planet and the closest to the sun. It takes just 88 days to orbit the sun which means it orbits the sun more than 4 times each Earth year.

Unlike Earth there is nothing on the surface of Mercury other than rock which can get as hot as 400 degrees Celsius. At night it can get as cold as -180 degrees Celsius as there is no atmosphere to trap the day's heat.

See if you can find all 31 words in the Find-A-Word below. The remaining letters from left to right and top to bottom will tell you - Why astronauts don't like hanging out on Mercury.

Asteroid
Cosmonaut
Lunar
Moon
Pluto
Space

Astronomy
Earth
Mars
Neptune
Rocket
Star

Big Bang
Galaxy
Mercury
Orbit
Saturn
Sun
Venus

Comet
Jupiter
Meteor
Phase
Sky
Theory

Constellation
Light-Year
Milky Way
Planets
Solar
Uranus

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Answer Sheet

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