

Planet Mythology



"All of the planets, except for Earth, were named after Roman gods and goddesses. Jupiter, Saturn, Mars, Venus and Mercury were given their names thousands of years ago. Those were the planets that the ancient Romans could see in the sky without a telescope. The other planets in our solar system were not discovered until much later, when telescopes were invented. Even then, the tradition of naming the planets after Roman gods and goddesses continued. Most of the moons and some asteroids are also named after the critters and creatures and gods and goddesses found in Roman mythology." <http://rome.mrdonn.org/romangods/planets.html>

Use the website www.nineplanets.org to discover how the planets and their moons received their names:

Question		Answer
1.	Mercury is named after the Roman god of	
2.	His Greek name was	
3.	Venus was named after the Roman goddesses of love & beauty - her Greek counterpart was named:	
Mars & its moons		
3.	Mars was named after the Roman god of	
4.	One of Mars's moons is named after one of Ares (Mars) and Aphrodite (Venus) sons. His name meant fear.	
5.	The other of Mars's moons is named after one of Ares (Mars) and Aphrodite (Venus) sons. His name meant panic.	
Jupiter		
6.	Jupiter (a.k.a. Jove; Greek Zeus) was the King of the Gods, the ruler of Olympus and the patron of the Roman state. Zeus was the son of Cronus (___).	
7.	Jupiter was first visited by _____ in 1973	
8.	In July 1994, Comet _____ collided with Jupiter with spectacular results.	
Jupiter's Moons		
9.	A Titaness who was the first wife of Zeus	
10.	The nymph who nursed the infant Jupiter with goat's milk.	
11.	Was the mother, by Zeus of Britomartis, a Cretan goddess	
12.	Queen of Sparta and the mother, by Zeus of Pollux and Helen of Troy	
13.	The mother by Zeus of the giant Tityus	

14.	Nymph, beloved of Zeus and hated by Hera. Hera changed her into a bear and Zeus then placed her in the sky as the constellation Ursa Major.	
15.	A Phoenician princess abducted to Crete by Zeus, who had assumed the form of a white bull	
16.	A nymph, daughter of the river god Asopus	
17.	All of Jupiter's moons have what in common?	
Saturn		
18.	Saturn is the root of the English word	
19.	How many NAMED moons does Saturn have?	
20.	How many rings does Saturn have?	
Saturn's Moons		
21.	Name of an Amazon who battled with Achilles	
22.	One of the Titans slain by Hercules.	
23.	Was a sea nymph who delayed Odysseus on her island for seven years?	
24.	A Titan, the son of Uranus, the father of Prometheus and Atlas and an ancestor of the human race.	
25.	A Titan, the son of Gaea and Uranus and the father of Helios.	
26.	God of gates and doorways, depicted with two faces looking in opposite directions; also the root of the English word "January".	
27.	As the first woman, bestowed upon humankind by Zeus as a punishment for Prometheus' theft of fire. Entrusted with a box containing all the ills that could plague people, she opened it out of curiosity and thereby released all the evils of human life.	
28.	A Titan condemned by Zeus to support the heavens upon his shoulders	



Uranus	
29.	What did William Herschel want to name Uranus?
30.	Who proposed the name Uranus?
31.	How many rings does Uranus have?
32.	Unlike the other bodies in the solar system, which have names from classical mythology, Uranus' moons take their names from the writings of ____ and ____.
Uranus's Moons	
33.	A mischievous airy spirit in Shakespeare's <i>The Tempest</i> .
34.	The daughter of Polonius in Shakespeare's <i>Hamlet</i> .
35.	Wife of Othello in Shakespeare's <i>Othello</i> .
36.	A rich heiress in Shakespeare's <i>Merchant of Venice</i>
37.	Daughter of the banished Duke in Shakespeare's <i>As You Like It</i> .
Neptune's moons	
38.	Daughter of Aether and Hemera. Her name is also the Greek word for "sea"
39.	Any one of the sea nymphs, the 50 daughters of Nereus and Doris.
Pluto & its moons	
40.	Named for the mythological figure who ferried the dead across the River Acheron into Hades (the underworld).
41.	Goddess of darkness and night,
42.	Monster with the body of a serpent and nine heads.

