



Launch 2: Destination Earth

A Tech-Center Exploration of Space & the Planets

Your mission is to find out some interesting facts about your destination planet! Click on the name of your planet to get started. Read through the web page that appears, and answer the following questions:

Earth is the _____ planet away from the sun, and it is the fifth largest planet in our solar system.

If you looked at Earth from out in space, it looks mostly blue. Why?

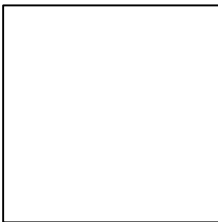
About _____ % of the Earth's surface is covered with _____!

Most of Earth's atmosphere is made up of _____.

What is the name of the layer in the atmosphere that filters out the sun's harmful ultraviolet rays and protects the creatures living on the surface?

How many days does it take Earth to make one trip around the sun? _____

What do we do with that extra $\frac{1}{4}$ day? _____



It takes one Earth year to go around the sun. So... you are exactly as old as you are!