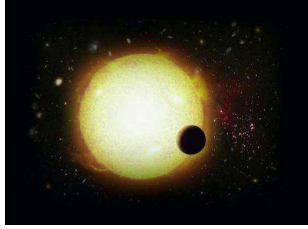
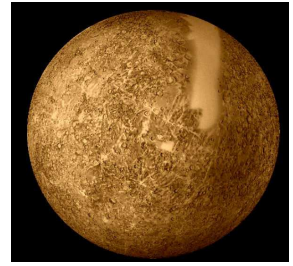


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Mercury



Mercury is the closest planet to the Sun. It is also the smallest planet. This planet takes only 88 days to orbit around the Sun. Mercury has no atmosphere and is the planet with the most extreme weather. Temperatures on the planet range from -173°C to 427°C ! The planet usually can only be seen around twilight because it is so close to the sun.

Mercury is named after the Greek god, Hermes. Hermes was the Greek messenger god, because he was believed to be the fastest of the gods. Mercury is the planet which takes less time to complete the solar orbit. Mercury and Venus are also the only planets which have no moon. The surface of Mercury is covered in craters from impacts with asteroids and comets.



Answer the Questions

1. Which is true about Mercury?
 - a. It is the subject of this article.
 - b. It is closest to the sun.
 - c. It is the smallest of the planets.
 - d. All of the above
2. When can Mercury be seen?
 - a. around twilight
 - b. around midnight
 - c. around noon
 - d. Mercury cannot be seen
3. Who is Hermes?
 - a. President of the United States
 - b. Greek messenger god
 - c. a great soccer player
 - d. a famous astronomer
4. How many moons does Mercury have?
 - a. one
 - b. six
 - c. four
 - d. none