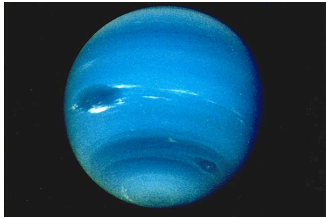


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Neptune

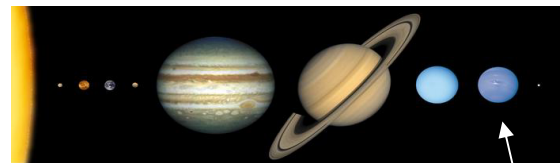


Neptune is the planet that is furthest from the Sun in the Solar System. It is the third largest planet. Neptune, like Saturn, is formed by gases. Neptune was named after the Roman god of the sea.



The planet takes 165 Earth years to go around the Sun. Neptune's seasons last about 40 years. Neptune has 13 moons. The best known, Triton, orbits in the opposite direction of all the other moons.

Neptune was the first planet to be found using mathematical prediction rather than observation. The planet has only been visited once. The spacecraft Voyager 2 passed by Neptune in 1989.



Neptune

Answer the Questions

1. A year on Neptune equals _____.
 - a. 40 Earth years
 - b. 123 Earth years
 - c. 500 Earth years
 - d. 165 Earth years
2. Neptune is composed most of _____.
 - a. water
 - b. ice
 - c. gases
 - d. rocks
3. How many moons does Neptune have?
 - a. 165 moons
 - b. 35 moons
 - c. 40 moons
 - d. 13 moons
4. What is the name of the spacecraft which visited Neptune in 1989?
 - a. Apollo XII
 - b. Voyager 1
 - c. Voyager 2
 - d. Titanic