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## READING ACTIVITIES

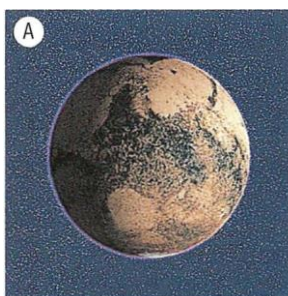
### 2.1. Explain which is the main difference between:

- the inner and the outer planets  
The inner planets are the four planets *closest to the Sun*, **while** the outer planets are the four planets *farthest from the Sun*.  
The inner planets are *small* and *rocky* planets, **while** the outer planets are *big* and *gaseous*.  
The inner planets have *thick* and *light atmospheres*, **while** the outer planets have *thick* and *dense atmospheres*.  
The inner planets have *few* satellites, **while** the outer planets have *many* satellites.
- asteroids and comets  
Asteroids are *small rocky* bodies **while** comets are bodies of *ice, dust* and *gas*.  
Asteroids are in the *Asteroid Belt* and the *Kuiper Belt*, **while** comets come from the *Oort cloud*.
- planets and dwarf planets  
Planets are big round rocky or gaseous bodies that are alone in their orbit, **while** dwarf planets are small and round rocky bodies which *have not cleared their orbit* around the Sun of other similar bodies.

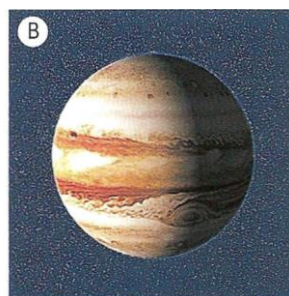
### 2.2. Look at the following chart about the main characteristics of the planets of the Solar System and answer the questions:

- Which planet is the smallest in the Solar System?  
The smallest planet in the Solar System is **Mercury**.
- Which planet has the least satellites?  
The planets which have the least satellites are **Mercury** and **Venus**.
- Which planet has a horizontal axis?  
The planet which has a horizontal axis is **Uranus**.
- Which planet is the farthest to the Sun?  
The farthest planet from the Sun is **Neptune**.
- Which planet has an atmosphere with oxygen?  
The planet which has an atmosphere with oxygen is **the Earth**.
- Which planet has the lowest surface temperature?  
The planet which has the lowest surface temperature is **Neptune**.
- Which planet has the highest surface temperature?  
The planet which has the highest surface temperature is **Venus**.
- Which planet has the biggest rings?  
The planet which has the biggest rings is **Saturn**.

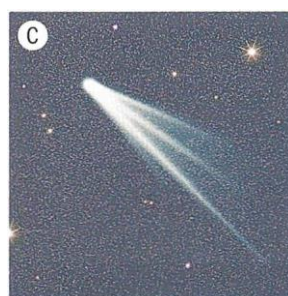
### 2.3. Identify the following pictures:



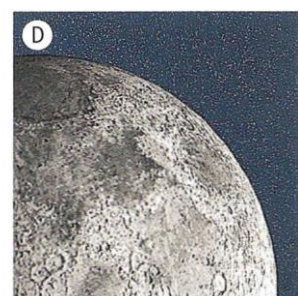
It is Mars.



It is Jupiter.



It is a comet.



It is the Moon.