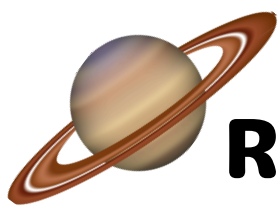


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Saturn

Reading Comprehension



Read the text and answer the questions.

Saturn is a planet. It is the sixth planet from the Sun in our solar system. It is also the second largest planet after Jupiter. Saturn is famous for its beautiful rings. They are made of ice and rocks. There are also 62 moons around the planet. The atmosphere of Saturn is mostly made of hydrogen. There is also a little helium and methane. The planet has many storms, but the biggest one is at the north pole. Scientists say it looks like a hexagon (a shape with six sides). Saturn is very cold. Its average temperature is -288 degrees Fahrenheit (-178 degrees Celsius). Because of its low density, the planet would float in water if there was a big enough pool! Saturn has been known since ancient times. It is named after the Roman god of agriculture and harvests. In 1610, Galileo Galilei discovered the rings using his telescope. He thought they were two smaller planets. In 1655, Christiaan Huygens discovered that they were actually a single ring system. In 2004, the Cassini spacecraft arrived at Saturn to study the planet and its moons. It sent back many amazing pictures of the planet and its rings. Saturn is a beautiful and fascinating planet. It is one of the most interesting places in our solar system.

- 1 Who discovered Saturn's rings and when?

- 2 When did the Cassini spacecraft arrive at Saturn?

- 3 Where is the biggest storm on Saturn located?

- 4 How many moons does Saturn have?

- 5 What is the atmosphere of Saturn mostly made of?
