Earth is the third [planet](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Planet) from the [Sun](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sun), and the [densest](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Density) and fifth-largest of the eight planets in the Solar System.

It is also the largest of the Solar System's four [terrestrial planets](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Terrestrial_planet). It is sometimes referred to as the [world](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/World), the Blue Planet, or by its Latin name, [*Terra*](http://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/Terra).

Earth formed [approximately 4.54 billion years](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Age_of_the_Earth) ago, and [life appeared](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Abiogenesis) on its surface within one billion years.