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Tommy Goes to Mars

Appearance of Mars:

Its surface is rocky, with lots of canyons and volcanoes. It appears red from the rusty rock covering the surface of the planet.



Location of Mars:

Mars is the fourth planet from the Sun in our solar system. (Earth is the third planet from the Sun.)

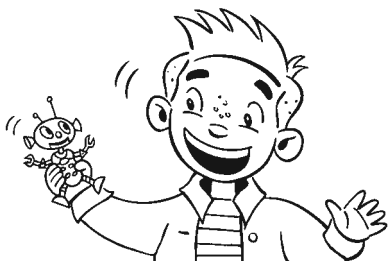


Size of Mars:

Mars is half the size of Earth. The planet has a diameter of 6,786 kilometers.

Time on Mars:

A year on Mars, or how long it takes the planet to orbit the sun once, is 687 Earth days. (One year on Earth is 365 days.) A day on Mars, or the amount of time it takes the planet to make one rotation, is 24 hours and 40 minutes. (One day on Earth is 24 hours.)



Weather on Mars:

Mars has four seasons. However, the temperature on Mars is often below freezing, and the air is unbreathable. Strong dust storms sometimes blow across the surface of Mars.

