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ASTRONOMICAL MNEMONICS (This is the last FAQ section posted to sci.astro)

Gathered from various flurries of mnemonic postings on sci.astro.

Spectral classification sequence: O B A F G K M R N S

Oh Be A Fine Girl Kiss Me Right Now, Sweetheart. (a classic)

O'Dell's Big Astronomical Fiasco Gonna Kill Me Right Now Surely

Obese Balding Astronomy Found Guilty; Killed Many Reluctant

Nonscience Students.

Octopus Brains, A Favorite Gastronomical Kitchen Menu,

Requires No Sauce

Odd Ball Astronomers Find Generally Kooky Mnemonics

Really Nifty Stuff

Oh Big And Ferocious Gorilla, Kill My Roommate Next Saturday

Oh Boy, A Flash! Godzilla Kills Mothra! Really Not Surprising!

Oh Boy, An F Grade Kills Me

On Bad Afternoons Fermented Grapes Keep Mrs. Richard Nixon Smiling

On, Backward Astronomer, Forget Geocentricity; Kepler's Motions

Reveal Nature's Simplicity

Our Bad Astronomy Faculty Gets Killed Monday

Oven Baked Ants, Fried Gently, Kept Moist, Retain Natural Succulence

Overseas Broadcast: A Flash! Godzilla kills Mothra!

(Rodan Named Successor)

Overweight Boys and Fat Girls Keep Munching

Only Bored Astronomers Find Gratification Knowing Mnemonics

Oh Bloody Astronomy! F Grades Kill Me

Order of the planets:

Sun

Mercury

Venus

Earth (Terra)

Mars

(Asteroids)

Jupiter

Saturn

Uranus

Neptune

Pluto

My Very Earnest Mother Just Served Us Nine Pizzas

Mother Very Thoughtfully Made A Jelly Sandwich Under No Protest

My Very Erotic Mate Joyfully Satisfies Unusual Needs Passionately

Men Very Easily Make Jugs Serve Useful Nocturnal Purposes

Man Very Early Made A Jug Serve Useful Noble Purposes

My Very Educated Mother Just Showed Us Nine Planets

My Very Eager Mother Just Showed Us Nine Planets

My Very Exhausted Mother hAs Just Swept Up a Planetary Nebula

Most Voters Earn Money Just Showing Up Near Polls

My Very Educated Mother Just Served Us Nine Pizza-pies

Many Viscious Elephants Made John, Suzy and Uncle Need Protection

Solar Mass Very Easily Makes All Jupiter's Satellites Undergo

Numerous Perturbations.

Mein Vater erklart mir jeden Sonntag unsere niedlichen Planeten

(My Father explains to me every Sunday our nine planets)

Man verachte einen Menschen in seinem Unglueck nie -- Punkt

(Never scorn/despise a person in his misfortune/bad luck/misery

-- period!)

Colors of the spectrum: Red Orange Yellow Green Blue Indigo Violet

ROY G. BIV (pronounce as a man's name)

Richard Of York Gave Battle In Vain

Read Out Your Good Book In Verse

Galilean Satellite of Jupiter: Io Europa Ganymede Callisto

I Expect God Cries

I Eat Green Cheese

I Embarrass Good Christians

Ich erschrecke all guten Christen

(I scare all good Christians)

Saturnian Satellites

Miriam's Enchiladas Taste Divine Recently. Tell Her I'm Proud.

(Mimas, Enceladus, Tethys, Dione, Rhea, Titan, Hyperion,

Iapetus, Phoebe)

Uranian Satellites:

Mispronunciations Afflict Uranus Too Often

My Angel Uriel Takes Opium

(Miranda, Ariel, Umbriel, Titania, Oberon)

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