

3RD ROCK FROM THE SUN

Each image represents something named after a planet of the Solar System, Pluto or Sun. One had to figure out the associated planet/Sun and, as the title of the puzzle suggests, convert it to its index from the Sun (Sun = 0, Mercury = 1, ..., Pluto = 9).

Earthworm Earth (3)	Freddie Mercury Mercury (1)	God Mercury Mercury (1)	Saturn Corporation Saturn (6)
Venus de Milo Venus (2)	Mercury planet sign Mercury (1)	Venus trap Venus (2)	Sunscreen Sun (0)
Venus Williams Venus (2)	Sunflower Sun (0)	Mercury spacecraft Mercury (1)	God Neptune Neptune (8)
Pluto the Pup Pluto (9)	Mercury dime Mercury (1)	Sailor Mercury Mercury (1)	Mars chocolate Mars (4)
Uranium element Uranus (7)	Venus razor Venus (2)	Mercury element Mercury (1)	
Mercury automobile Mercury (1)	The birth of Venus Venus (2)	God Pluto Pluto (9)	

The decoded digits have to be grouped into 1– or 2-digit indices of letters of English alphabet. As a hint, each group of 1 or 2 images which correspond to one letter is outlined in black rectangles.

The result is 3-1-16-21-20 20-18-9-1-14-7-21-12-9. This spells CAPUT TRIANGULI, which is a star in the constellation of Triangulum. Alternative names of this star Alpha Trianguli, Mothallah and Ras al Muthallah were also accepted as correct answers.

ANSWER: CAPUT TRIANGULI