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How can I describe and compare planets in French?

MY LEARNING JOURNEY

1. How can I name the planets in French?
2. How can I describe the planets using size, colour and temperature?
3. How can I use French to create a metaphor?
4. How can I compare two planets in French?
5. How can I write my own descriptions of a planet?

I have previously learnt to…

- Recognise French words that are similar to English.
- Recognise whether nouns are masculine or feminine.
- Correctly use **un** or **une**.
- Use adjectives to describe nouns.
- Understand that adjectives can change to agree with a noun.
- Build accurate sentences.
- Adapt familiar sentence to create my own.

In this unit, I am learning to…

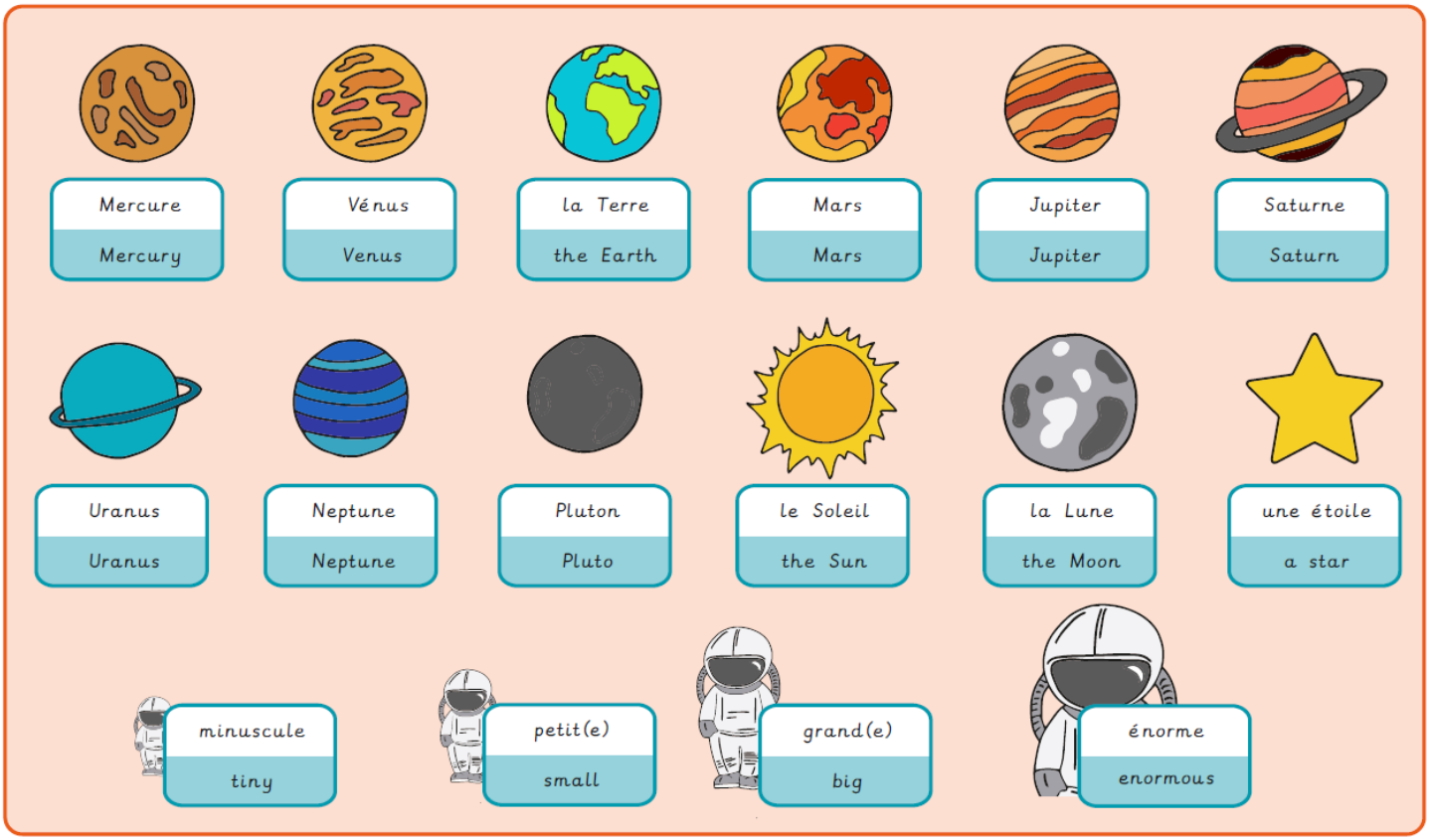
- ❑ Recognise and pronounce the names of planets in French.
- ❑ Identify **cognates** and notice differences in French spelling and pronunciation.
- ❑ Use **un** and **une** correctly with masculine and feminine nouns.
- ❑ Use size and colour adjectives to describe objects in space.
- ❑ Understand where size and colour adjectives are placed in a French phrase.
- ❑ Create simple **metaphors** using a writing model.
- ❑ Describe planets using their size and temperature.
- ❑ Adapt a model to write my own description.

Looking ahead: In Year 6, I will learn to…

- Adapt familiar French to create my own sentences.
- Use French sentence structures to communicate information about people and places.
- Read and understand short pieces of information in French.
- Use familiar vocabulary and structures with increasing independence.

CORE VOCABULARY

Word	Meaning
Le Soleil	the Sun
la Lune	the Moon
une étoile	a star
une planète	a planet
le Système Solaire	the Solar System
l'espace	space
petit/ petite	small
grand/ grande	big
énorme	enormous
chaud/ chaude	hot
froid/ froide	cold
glacé/ glacée	frozen



le Système solaire	the Solar System
l'espace (m)	space
une planète	a planet
chaud(e)	hot
froid(e)	cold
glacé(e)	frozen

Descriptions

Neptune est une assez grande planète bleue.

Neptune is a quite large blue planet.



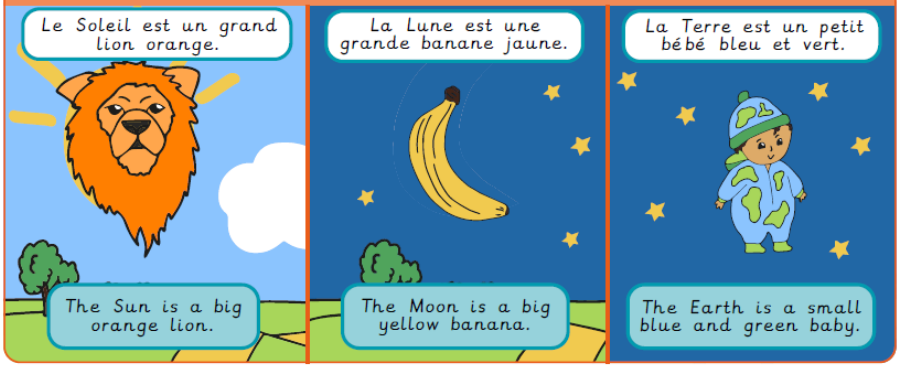
Jupiter est une énorme planète très froide.

Jupiter is an enormous, very cold planet.

très	very	assez	quite

Descriptions and metaphors

The size adjective comes before the noun, and the colour adjective after the noun.



Watch out for the words **et** and **est** both sound the same but have different meanings.

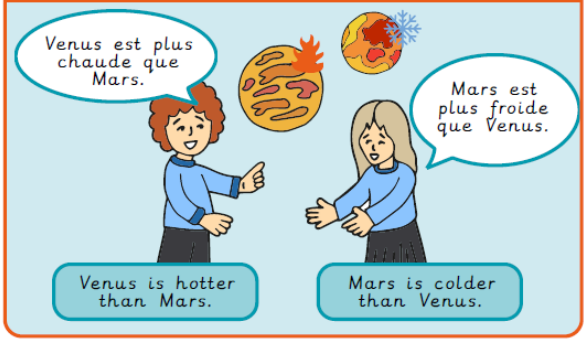
et - and **est** - is

de + le = du

Saturne est loin **du** Soleil.

Saturn is far from the Sun.

Making comparisons



Useful vocabulary:

très – very
assez – quite
plus chaude que – hotter than
plus froide que – colder than

Key grammar:

- Use **un** with masculine nouns and **une** with feminine nouns.
- Size adjectives come **before** the noun.
- Colour adjectives usually come **after** the noun.
- Adjectives sometimes change to agree with the noun's gender.