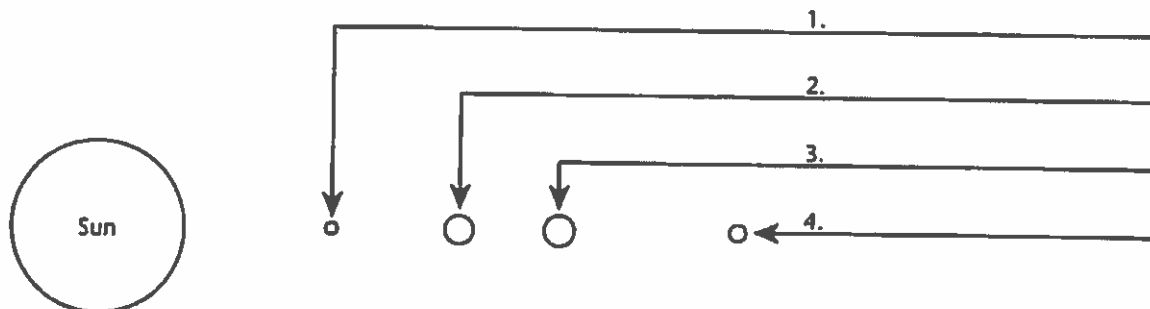




# The Inner Planets

## Understanding Main Ideas

Label the diagram with the names of the inner planets.



Write the inner planet or planets that the statement describes.

- \_\_\_\_\_ 5. has a rocky surface
- \_\_\_\_\_ 6. 70 percent is covered with water
- \_\_\_\_\_ 7. rotates in the opposite direction from most other planets and moons
- \_\_\_\_\_ 8. called the "red planet" because of the color of the dust
- \_\_\_\_\_ 9. has at least one moon
- \_\_\_\_\_ 10. similar to each other in size, density, and internal structure
- \_\_\_\_\_ 11. has almost no atmosphere
- \_\_\_\_\_ 12. atmosphere is so heavy and thick that it would crush a human
- \_\_\_\_\_ 13. has a tilted axis that causes seasons
- \_\_\_\_\_ 14. atmosphere has low air pressure and is mostly carbon dioxide

## Building Vocabulary

Write a definition for each of the following terms.

15. terrestrial planets

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16. greenhouse effect

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