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Cubetto Leaves Earth

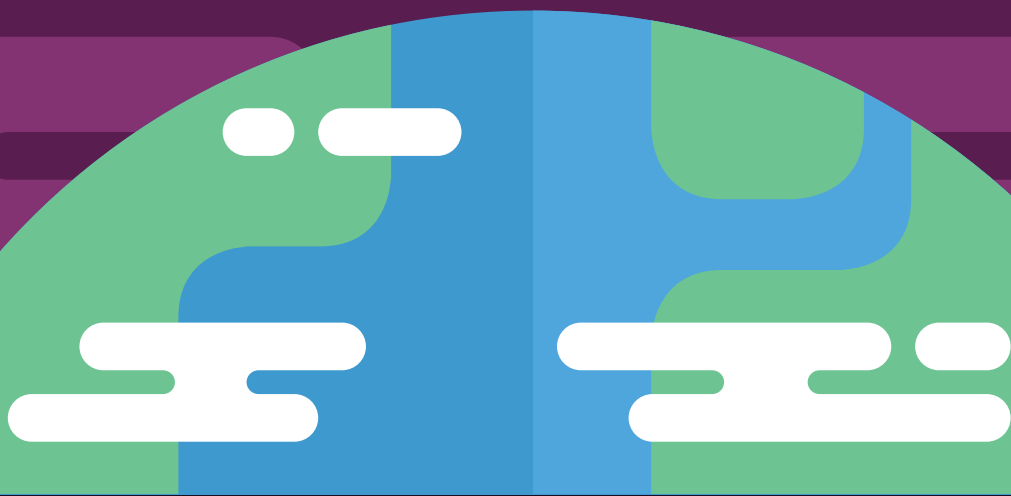
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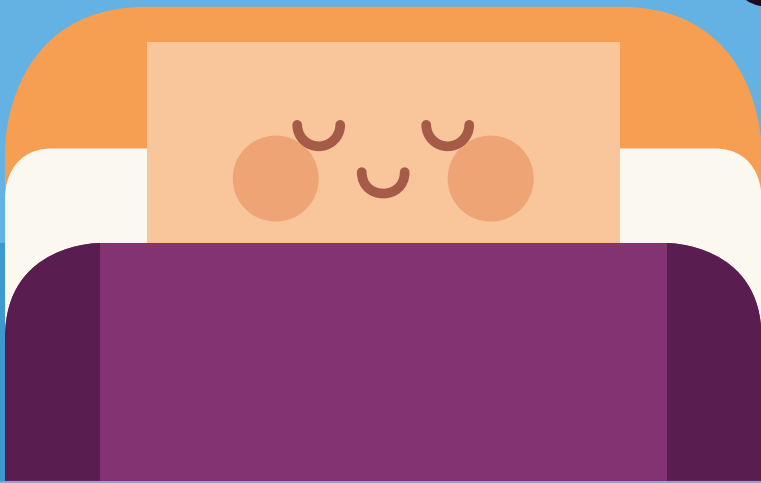


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Today, Cubetto leaves school very tired. When he gets home, he skips dinner and falls into bed.

Within minutes he is dreaming of stars and planets.

Tonight, Cubetto is an astronaut.



An astronaut is a person who travels and works in outer space.



How do you think a person travels to space?



Start on the compass and head towards Earth.





In a rocket the size of a skyscraper, Cubetto puts on his spacesuit and prepares for launch.

5, 4, 3, 2, 1.... BLAST OFF!

The rocket leaves Earth and is soon in space. Out the window Cubetto passes the Moon.



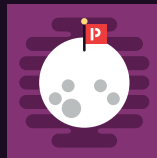
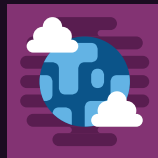
Earth only has one moon, but some planets have many more!



What do you think the Moon is made of?



From Earth, plant your flag on the Moon.





Cubetto sits at the control panel and writes a program.

He instructs his spaceship to take him to the edges of the Solar System.



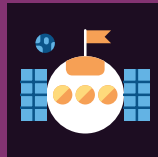
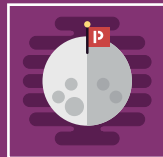
The program will tell the spaceship what to do and where to go.



What other machines might use programs?



On the Moon, turn around and head to the space station.





First he passes Mars, Earth's neighbour.

Mars looks like a dusty, red desert with large mountains and wide valleys.

Mars kind of reminds him of his home, Earth.



Humans have put many robots on Mars to study it.



What kind of things do you think the robots on Mars do?



Starting on the rocket ship, head to the mountains of Mars, try using one right turn and two left turns.





Soon after leaving Mars, he passes through a field of rocky asteroids.

He is headed towards Jupiter.

He can see from far away that Jupiter is very large and stormy.



We use satellites to look at Jupiter. Satellites are machines that circle Earth in outer space.



Can you imagine what other things satellites may be used for?



Turn Cubetto around and make him fly to the asteroids near the Sun.





He whizzes past Saturn with its wide rings.

Heads towards Uranus, covered in fog.

Slows to see Neptune, frozen and blue.



Planets that are far away from the sun are very cold and icy.

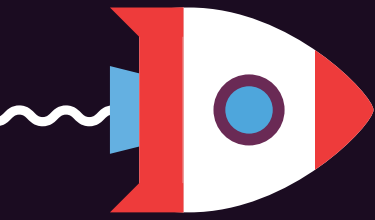


Why do you think that some places on Earth are cold and icy?



From the asteroids, send Cubetto to cold, blue Neptune. Make sure to avoid the volcano!





Cubetto is now feeling very far from home.

The Sun is a tiny, distant dot.

He begins to imagine all the scary things that await him in deep space.

Suddenly he is very frightened. Cubetto longs for his home.



The planets that circle our Sun make up our Solar System.

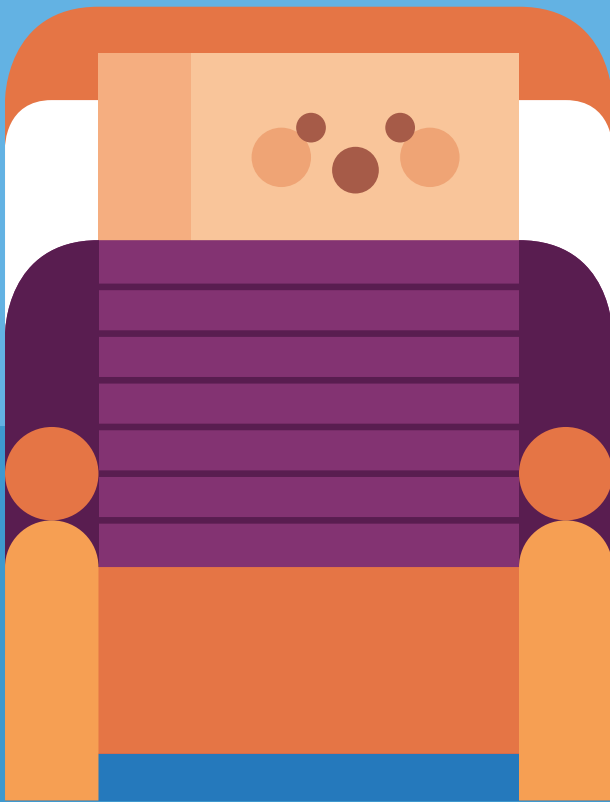


Do you think there are other suns and planets outside our Solar System?



Using the function key, fly from icy Neptune to the map of the Solar System.





BRRRRING!

The alarm clock goes off!
Cubetto opens his eyes and is
safe in bed.

His head is still spinning and
filled with the magical night he
had seeing the wonders of outer
space.



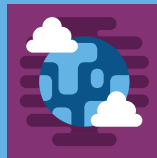
If Earth were a grain of rice, our Solar System would be as big as a building!



How long do you think it would take to fly to the edge of the Solar System?



From the Solar System map, take Cubetto back to Earth using the function key.





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