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NEPTUNE: THE DEEP BLUE PLANET

A short reader for younger learners (Ages 6–8)

Neptune is the planet farthest from the Sun. It is so far away that you cannot see it without a telescope.

Neptune is deep blue. It is even bluer than Earth! It looks like a big blue marble in space.

Neptune is very, very windy. It has the fastest winds of any planet — much faster than the worst storm on Earth!

Neptune has a big moon called Triton. Triton is the only big moon that goes around its planet the wrong way!

Only one spacecraft has visited Neptune. It was called Voyager 2. It flew past Neptune in 1989. Nobody has been back since.

★ WORDS TO KNOW 3 TERMS

telescope
A tube with lenses that lets us see far-away things.

marble
A small ball, usually made of glass.

wind
Air that is moving.

★ COMPREHENSION QUESTIONS 4 QUESTIONS

1. Why can't you see Neptune just by looking at the sky?

2. What colour is Neptune?

3. What is unusual about Neptune's weather?

4. What is special about Neptune's moon Triton?

★ NOW YOU DRAW IT!

Draw Neptune below. Can you show its deep blue colour and Triton, the moon that goes the wrong way?