Pluto

Pluto, You're the One We Missed



5

known moons around Pluto



A little world worth remembering.

A dwarf planet

Pluto orbits our Sun. It belongs to a group called dwarf planets, separate from the eight planets.

Smaller than our Moon

Pluto is smaller than the Moon we see from Earth.

Five moon friends

Charon is the biggest of Pluto's five moons.

An icy heart

A bright region looks like a heart. Pluto also has mountains made of water ice.

DWARF PLANET — A nearly round world orbiting the Sun that has not cleared other objects from its orbital neighbourhood.

Bea asks

Does Pluto still belong to our solar system?

○ Yes, as a dwarf planet ○ No

Can you find the little clay fish on this page?

Facts: NASA | science.nasa.gov/dwarf-planets/pluto/facts/

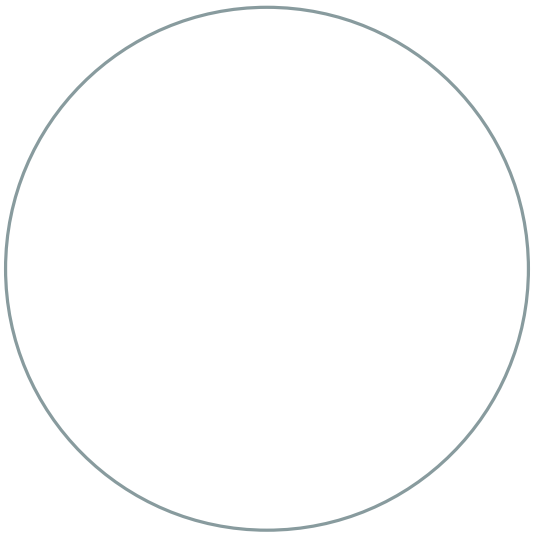
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Pluto: your mission

Use a pencil or crayons. You can tell an answer instead of writing it.

A postcard for Pluto

Draw a heart-shaped patch on Pluto. Add five small moon shapes around it, making one bigger than the others.



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Read together: A different group, still our neighbour

Astronomers put Pluto in the dwarf-planet group. It has not disappeared! The solar system has more worlds than the eight planets. Bea's paper heart is pretend, but Pluto really has a bright, heart-shaped region.

Meet all five moons

Their names are Charon, Nix, Hydra, Kerberos and Styx. Circle the biggest moon's name. If you have drawn three moons, how many more make five?

For grown-ups: Yes, as a dwarf planet. Charon is the biggest moon. Add 2 more to make 5. The moon sizes and spacing in your drawing can be pretend.

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