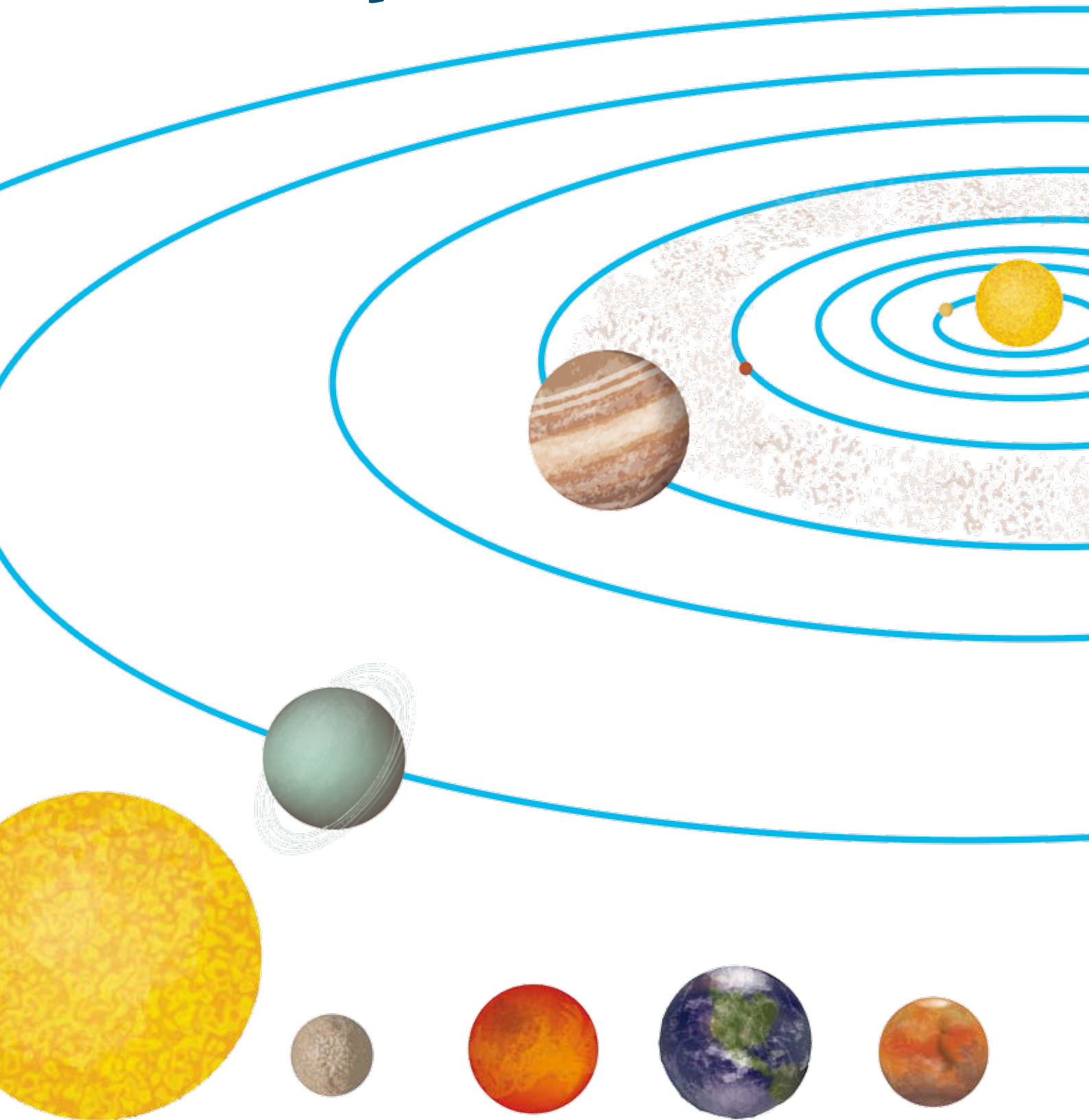


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Sun

Diameter: 1,400,000 km

One day: 25 Earth days.

Did you know: If the Sun was a hollow ball, 1,300,000 Earths could fit inside it. The Sun has dark spots on its face and hot jets of gas shoot out from all over it.

Mercury

Diameter: 4,875 km

One day: 59 Earth days

One year: 88 Earth days

Did you know: Mercury is the smallest planet and the closest one to the Sun. It is boiling hot by day but freezing cold at night.

Venus

Diameter: 12,104 km

One day: 243 Earth days

One year: 225 Earth days

Did you know: After the Sun and the Moon, Venus is the brightest object in the sky seen from Earth.

Earth

Diameter: 12,756 km

One day: 24 hours

One year: 365 days

Did you know: Earth is the only planet in the solar system with rivers and oceans of water.

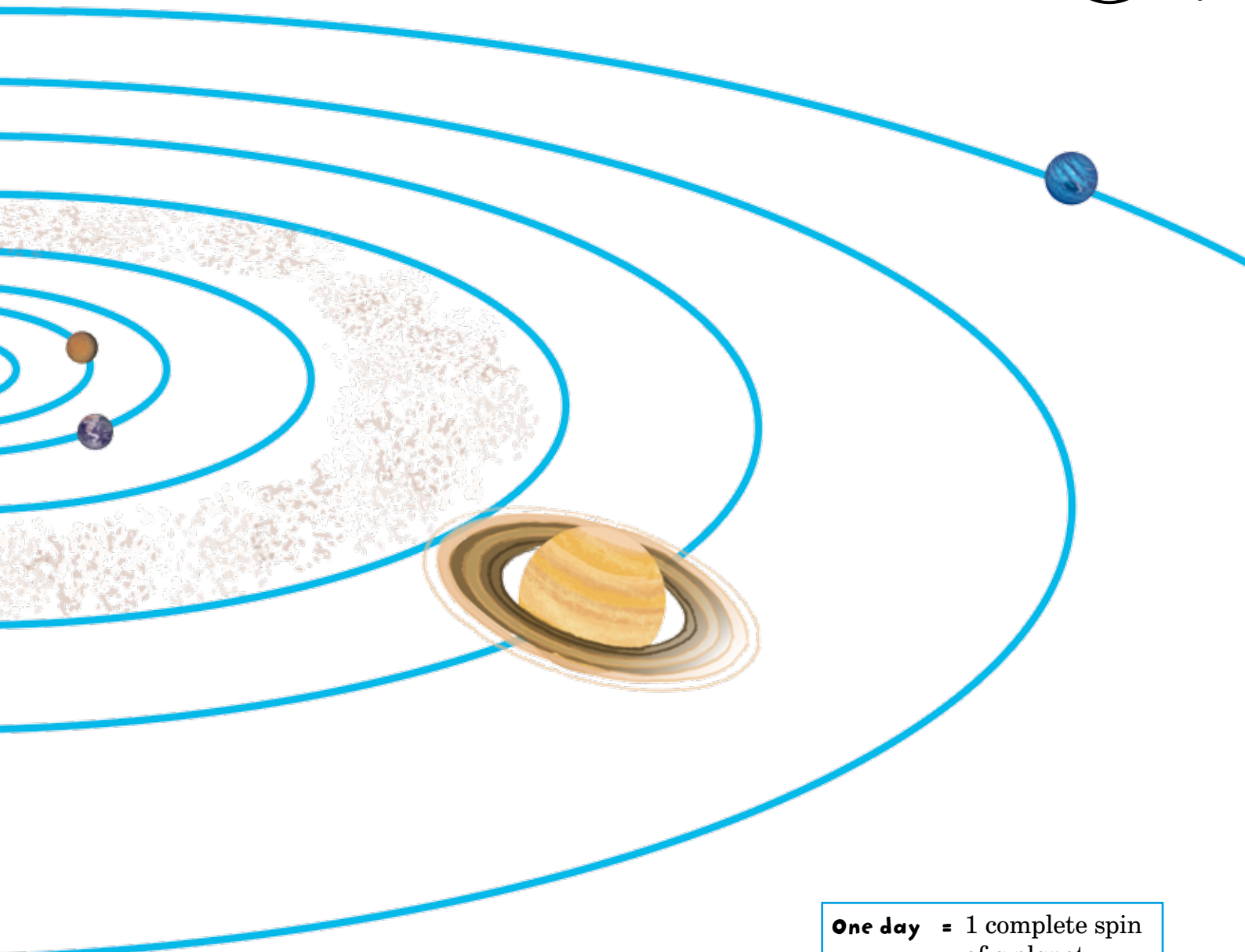
Mars

Diameter: 6,780 km

One spin: 25 Earth hours

One year: 687 Earth days

Did you know: Mars is about half the size of Earth and has two tiny moons called Deimos and Phobos.



One day = 1 complete spin of a planet
One year = 1 complete orbit around the Sun



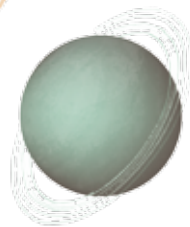
Jupiter

Diameter: 142,984 km
One day: 10 Earth hours
One year: 12 Earth years
Did you know: Jupiter is the biggest planet in the solar system and the one with the strongest pull of gravity.



Saturn

Diameter: 120,536 km
One day: 10 Earth hours
One year: 29 Earth years
Did you know: It is the least dense planet. If you could put all the planets in a bucket of water, Saturn is the only one that would float.



Uranus

Diameter: 51,118 km
One day: 17 Earth hours
One year: 84 Earth years
Did you know: Uranus orbits the Sun on its side. It got knocked over billions of years ago.



Neptune

Diameter: 49,532 km
One day: 16 Earth hours
One year: 165 Earth years
Did you know: The coldest place in the solar system is Triton, Neptune's largest moon.