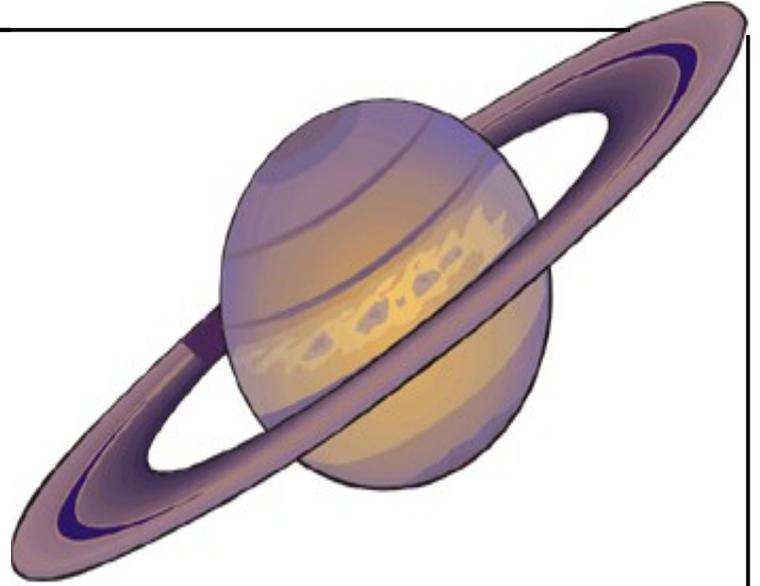


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# Saturn

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If you don't count Earth, the most beautiful planet in our solar system may be Saturn. Saturn has seven thin rings that surround its middle but don't actually touch it.

The rings are made of billions of pieces of ice and can only be seen with a telescope.

You can spot the rest of Saturn using only your eyes. It's the second largest planet in the solar system and it's the third brightest planet in the sky. It usually looks yellow.



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it's so far from the sun. The temperature is about 285 degrees below zero Fahrenheit (minus 176 Celsius).

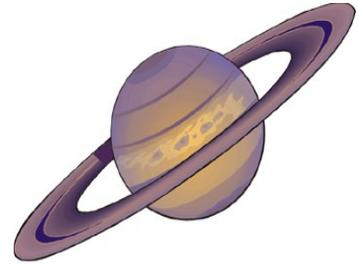
In 2004, a spacecraft named the "Cassini" began to orbit Saturn. This was the first in-depth and close-up view of the planet. Cassini has given us amazing pictures of Saturn, its rings, and its moons. Scientists have discovered that Saturn's largest moon—named Titan—is similar to Earth before there was life.

By the way, if you were born on Saturn, you'd have to wait a long time for your birthday to arrive. The length of a Saturn year is 29.5 Earth years, because that's how long it takes Saturn to revolve around the sun.

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1. Write **yes** or **no** to answer each question.

Can you see Saturn's rings without a telescope? \_\_\_\_\_

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3. What do scientists believe is in the middle of Saturn?

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4. Which would not be a good nickname for Saturn?

a. the "Ringed Planet"

b. the "Windy Planet"

c. the "Beautiful Gas Planet"

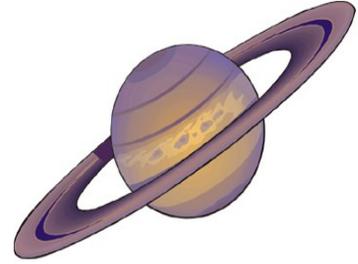
d. the "Blue-Green Planet"

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## ANSWER KEY

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$$29.5 \times 3 = 88.5 \text{ Earth years}$$