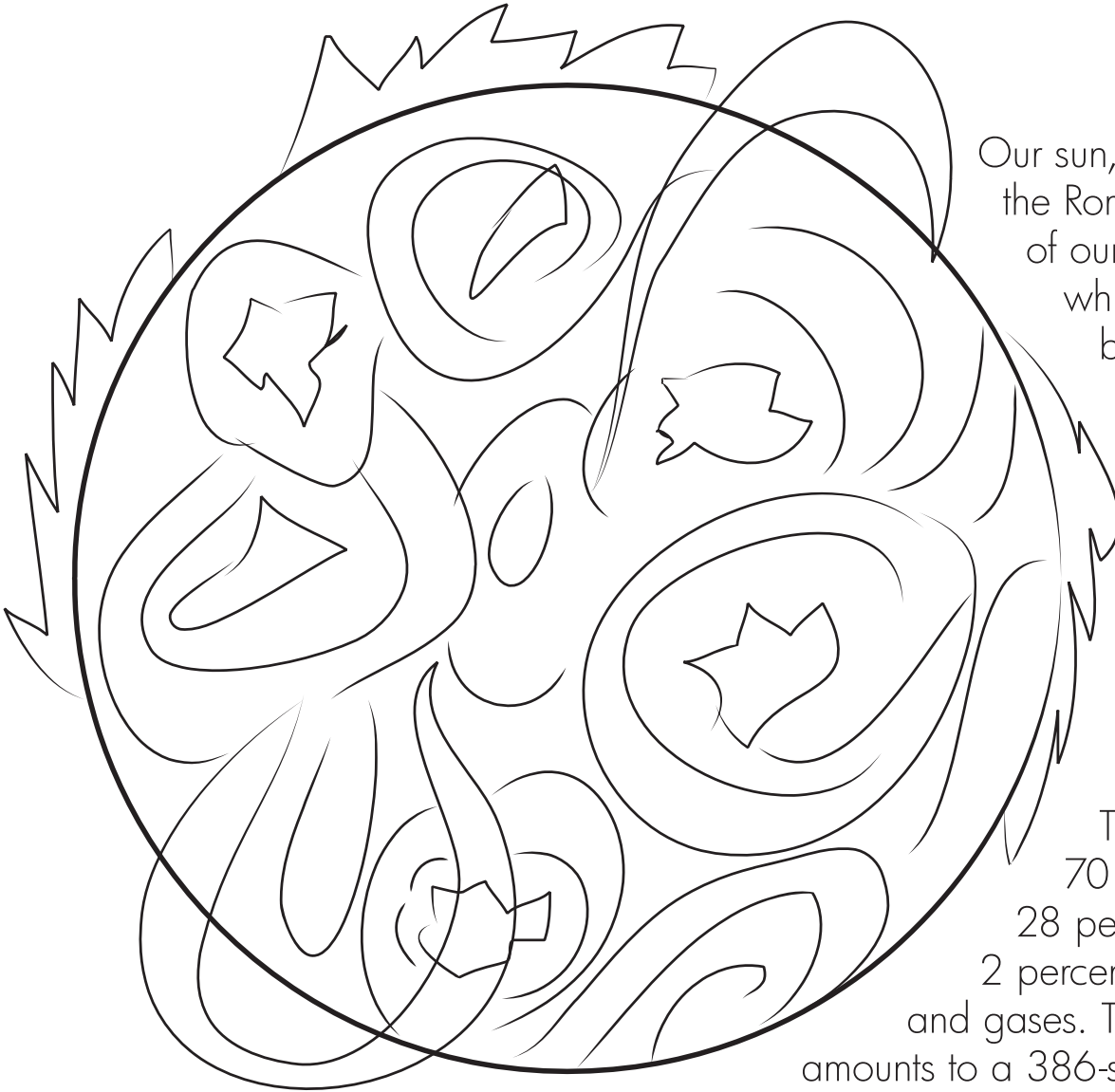




The Solar System

The Sun



Our sun, named "Sol" by the Romans, is the center of our solar system, which was discovered by Nicolaus Copernicus in 1510–1512.

It is one of many billions of stars in the Milky Way. However, it is the only star that has been found to sustain and develop life on a planet, Earth.

The sun is made of 70 percent hydrogen, 28 percent helium and 2 percent other metals and gases. The power of the sun amounts to a 386-septillion (that's a billion billions!) megawatt light bulb. It takes light from the sun 8 minutes, 19 seconds to reach the Earth.

Planet Pop Quiz!

What is the closest star to solar system other than our sun? _____

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