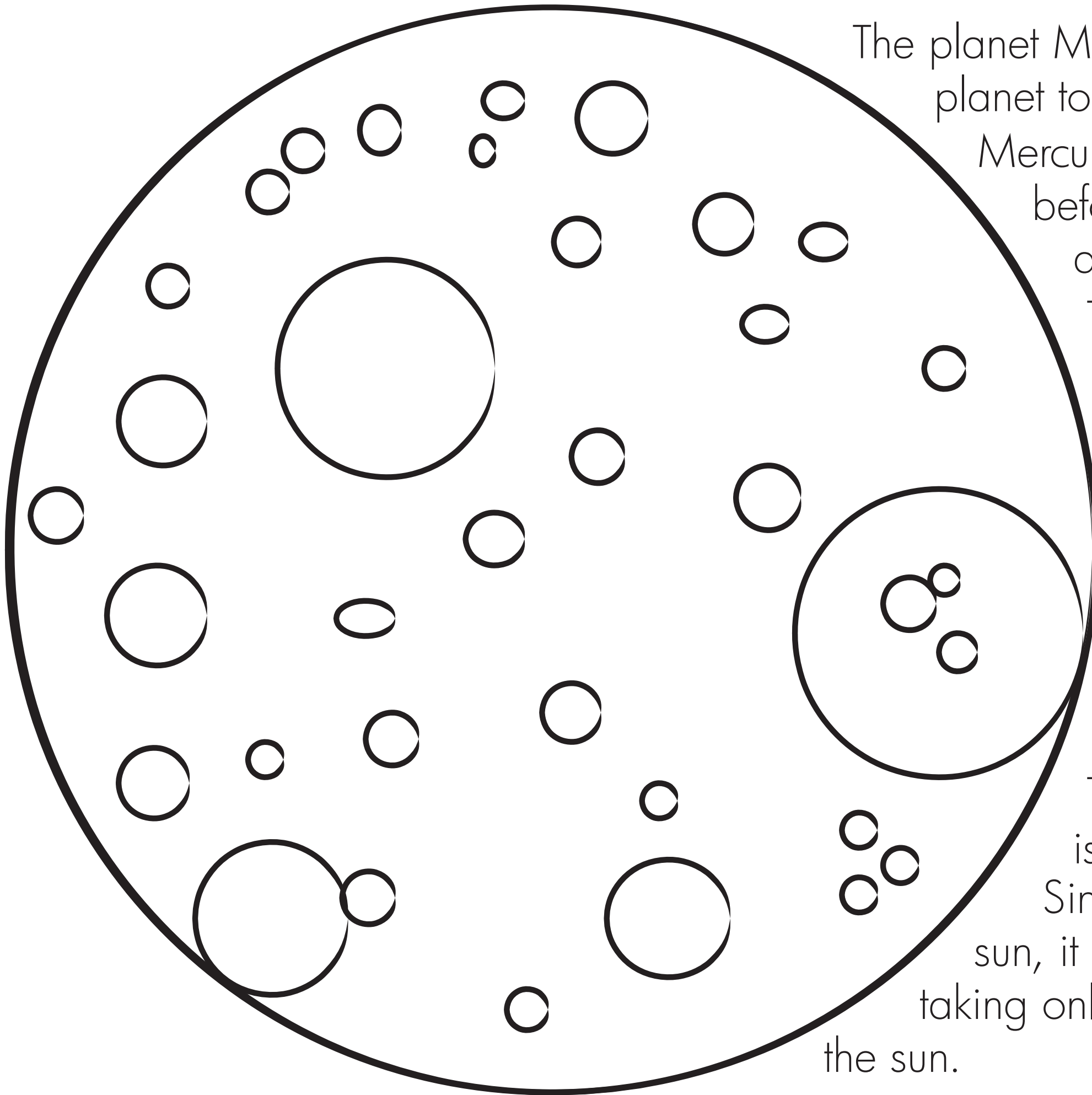




The Solar System

Mercury



The planet Mercury is the closest planet to the sun.

Mercury can be seen just before and after the sun rises and sets.

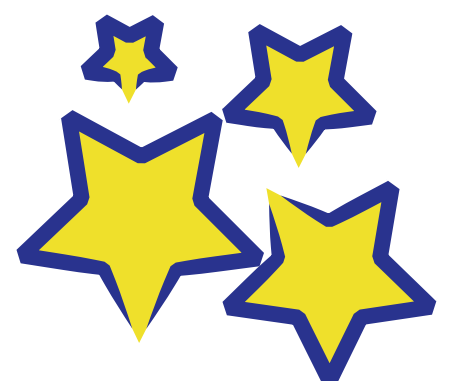
The planet is made of mostly iron, and it has a dense, rough outer crust. The planet has been bombarded by asteroids and comets over trillions of years because they get caught in the gravity pull of the sun.

This is why the surface is covered by craters. Since it is the closest to the sun, it has the fastest year, taking only 88 days to orbit the sun.

Planet Pop Quiz!
Find and answer this question.

How many miles are in a light year? _____

Hint: Millions, Billions, Trillions



Answer: 6 trillion