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## Mercury Scavenger Hunt – World Book Kids

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1. Where is Mercury positioned from the sun?

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2. Who is Mercury named after?

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3. Why was it given this name?

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4. Describe the surface of Mercury?

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5. How do we know what the surface of Mercury is like?

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**Answer Key:**

1. Mercury is closest planet to the sun.
2. Mercury was named by the Romans after the speedy messenger of the gods in ancient Roman stories.
3. Mercury moves around the sun faster than any other planet.
4. Mercury's surface is wide, has flat areas of land, steep cliffs, and many steep craters.
5. Spacecraft pictures taken in 1974 and 1975 have told us what the surface of Mercury is like.