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# A Storm Bigger Than Earth

Circle group

Jupiter is a giant planet. It is made mostly of gas. It has no ground to stand on.

On Jupiter, there is a red spot. The spot is a storm. It swirls round and round.

The storm is so big that Earth could fit inside it.

We look at the storm with a telescope.

## Questions

**1. What is Jupiter made of mostly?**

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**2. What is the red spot?**

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**3. How does the storm move?**

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**4. What do we use to look at the storm?**

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**5. Why could you not stand on Jupiter?**

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## Words to know

planet: a big round world that circles a star
giant: very, very big
storm: strong wind with clouds and often rain
swirl: to move in a whirl

## Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
2. What did your sheet tell you that you think another group's did not? Ask them.
3. What is one question about this topic that none of the sheets answered?

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# A Storm Bigger Than Earth

Triangle group

Jupiter is a giant planet. It is made mostly of gas. It has no ground to stand on.

On Jupiter, there is a huge red spot. The spot is a storm. It swirls round and round, like a spinning top.

The storm is so big that Earth could fit inside it. People have watched it for a very long time.

Jupiter is very far from us. We look at the storm with a telescope.

Jupiter is also very windy. Its clouds are striped with bands of tan, white and red. It is a pretty planet to see, and many people love to look at it.

## Questions

**1. What is Jupiter made of mostly?**

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**2. What is the red spot?**

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**3. How does the storm move?**

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# A Storm Bigger Than Earth

Square group

Jupiter is a giant planet that is made mostly of gas, so it has no solid ground to stand on.

On Jupiter, there is an enormous red spot, and that spot is really a storm. It swirls round and round, much like a spinning top.

The storm is so huge that Earth could fit inside it. People have been watching it for a very long time.

Jupiter is extremely far from us, so we study the storm with a telescope.

## Questions

**1. What is Jupiter made of mostly?**

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**2. What is the enormous red spot, really?**

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**3. How does the storm move?**

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**4. What do we use to study the storm?**

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**5. Why could you not stand on Jupiter?**

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# For the teacher: A Storm Bigger Than Earth

Each student sheet carries a shape, not a level. The same topic and facts, written three ways.

### Circle: A Storm Bigger Than Earth

Easier · 54 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 1

1. Gas.
2. A storm.
3. It swirls round and round.
4. A telescope.
5. It has no ground.

### Triangle: A Storm Bigger Than Earth

This passage · 105 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 2.4

1. Gas.
2. A storm.
3. It swirls round and round.
4. A telescope.
5. It is made of gas and has no ground.

### Square: A Storm Bigger Than Earth

Harder · 80 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 5.1

1. Gas.
2. A storm.
3. It swirls round and round, like a spinning top.
4. A telescope.
5. It is made mostly of gas and has no solid ground.