

Graded Writing Samples

The following information reports on different topics of study have been assessed using the 'Informative Marking Rubric' on pages 156–7. These are designed to show what you can expect from students as they progress from beginner to advanced writers.

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Year 3 Writing Sample

Topic: Jupiter

Let's go to space. Three...Two...One... Blast off!

I think Jupiter is the coolest planet, even cooler than Neptune. Get it? Because Neptune is actually the coldest planet. Anyway, here are some interesting facts about Jupiter that will wow you.

Jupiter

Jupiter began 4.5 billion years ago by heaps of meteorites that crashed together. BANG! Jupiter is the 5th planet from the sun. Jupiter is so huge that it can fit 1,000 Earths inside, what that's crazy isn't it? Did you know Jupiter is a type of planet called a gas giant, and it doesn't have a ground? It's actually made of poisonous gas, so it is unlikely for anything to live there. The planet is covered in thick clouds and colours are red, white, orange and brown. The planet is named after the king of the Roman gods, Jupiter, interesting right?

The Great Red Spot

Believe it or not Jupiter has a big red spot, called the great red spot. It was discovered in 1831. In fact, there are possibly two red spots. The great red spot is bigger than the earth! No one knows why its red, some people think it's from the gases mixing together. The great red spot is 41,000 km, that's heavy! Every year it gets smaller. So maybe it will disappear who knows? Maybe it will? It is made up from wind and clouds. The wind speed is up to 643 kph. That is least 2.5 times faster than hurricanes on earth! The great red spot has been raging for 300 years! wowzah!!!

Jupiter's Moons

On the 7th January, 1610 the famous astronomer, Galileo Galilei, discovered four of Jupiter's moons. It is now known there are up to 79 moons. Did you know one of Jupiter's 79 moons, Europa, has the highest probability of life, but is the coldest moon of them all? Another one of Jupiter's moons, Io, is the hottest.

Cooler Conclusion

Hopefully these facts wowed you, because is just the beginning of adventure to Jupiter! From the thick clouds to the burning core Jupiter is still the coolest planet of them all.

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