

National Geographic Kids Readers: Planets

Notes for parents: reading this book with your child

- Before your child shares this book with you, look at the front cover and discuss what you can see in the picture. Identify any known planets.
- Look at the images of the planets on pp10–11. See if your child can learn their names and the order that they appear in.
- Here are some ways you can help your child as they learn to read more complex information books:
 - Help your child to read planet names and any unfamiliar space-related language, e.g. *Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, telescope, asteroid, astronaut, space probe, space craft, Makemake, Ceres, Eris, Pluto, Haumea*.
 - Show your child how to use the picture glossary to help understand the key words.
 - Encourage your child to talk about what they have read, and to ask questions about things that they don't understand.
 - Enjoy the jokes together, teasing out the meaning from the word-play if necessary.
 - Encourage them to use the pictures to develop their understanding as they read from the text and captions.
 - Give them lots of praise and encouragement!
- Discuss how humans can find out new information about the planets.

Pronunciation guide: Makemake (Ma-kay-ma-kay), Ceres (Si-rees), Haumea (Haw-mee-ah)