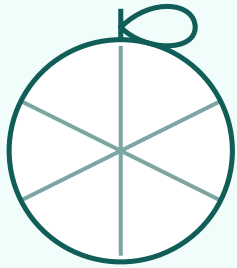


Mars

The red planet.

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The red planet — a cold desert world with the largest volcano and the deepest canyon in the solar system.

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DAY
24.6 hours

YEAR
687 Earth days

MOONS
2

- Red because the soil is full of rusted iron.
- Olympus Mons is three times the height of Everest.
- Has polar ice caps that grow and shrink with its seasons.
- Its two moons, Phobos and Deimos, are tiny and lumpy.
- Dust storms can cover the entire planet for months.

LOOK FOR IT

A distinctly orange point of light, brightest every two years or so.

A "day" is one spin. A "year" is one trip round the Sun. On Mars they are nothing like ours.