

# OUR BRIGHT SUN

## SILLY FILL-IN READING PASSAGE

5th-8th  
grade

Bell ringer  
Group  
activity  
Homework



FUNNY!

**OUR BRIGHT SUN**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**OUR BRIGHT SUN**

Our Sun is different from a giant ball of burning gas. Look down. Are there volcanoes on fire all the time? Our Sun is not on fire. Lots of stars are also on fire. There are also stars that are not on fire.

**Directions:** Fill in the blanks.

Our Sun is different from a giant ball of burning gas. Look \_\_\_\_\_ is a planet, not a star, and Earth is not burning up. (Sure, we have forest fires and volcanoes but that is not the same as the whole world being on fire all the time.) Our Sun is not the only star. When you look at the night sky, you see only some of the stars in our universe. Lots of stars are bigger and \_\_\_\_\_ than our Sun. There are also stars that are smaller and dimmer and cooler. Our Sun is a medium-sized star. So why does our Sun look like the biggest and brightest one? One simple answer is that it's the closest to us. If you traveled in that same direction (east, west, up, down) it would take about 7 months. If you traveled in that same direction, the next closest star after our Sun, it would take \_\_\_\_\_ than any other star.

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**STAR LIGHT, STAR BRIGHT. WHAT IS THE BRIGHTEST-LOOKING STAR IN SIGHT?**

**Directions:** Ask a partner for words to fill in the blanks.

Our Sun is different from \_\_\_\_\_ Earth. How so? The Sun is a star. \_\_\_\_\_ is a giant ball of burning gas. \_\_\_\_\_ on fire? Hopefully not. \_\_\_\_\_ is a planet, not a star, and Earth is not burning up. (Sure, we have forest fires and volcanoes but that is not the same as the whole world being on fire all the time.) Our Sun is not the only star. When you look at the night sky, you see only some of the stars in our universe. Lots of stars are bigger and \_\_\_\_\_ than our Sun. There are also stars that are smaller and dimmer and cooler. Our Sun is a medium-sized star. So why does our Sun look like the biggest and brightest one? One simple answer is that it's the closest to us. If you traveled in that same direction, the next closest star after our Sun, it would take \_\_\_\_\_ than any other star.

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## ABOUT THIS RESOURCE

This packet includes:

- 1 reading passage
- 1 page of reading comprehension questions
- 1 answer key for the above
- 1 fill-in-the-blank version of the reading passage
- 1 answer key for the above
- 1 silly fill-in-the-blank version of the reading passage

It is recommended to have your students read the packet on one day (whether in class or at home) and answer the reading comprehension questions. Then ask students to fill in the blanks on a subsequent day. This will provide review. The silly fill-in-the blank is best done either on the second day or later day, once students understand the concept covered in the passage.

Both the reading passage and the silly fill-in-the-blank are meant to have an element of humor. I hope you and your students laugh while learning the science.

Thank you for bringing Teacher Toy Shop into your classroom.



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PREVIEW

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Our Sun is different from planet Earth. How so? Our Sun is a giant ball of burning gas! The Sun is a **star**.

Look down. Are your feet on fire? Hopefully not. Earth is a planet, not a star, and Earth is not burning up. (Sure, we have forest fires and volcanoes but that is not the same as the whole world being on fire all the time.)

Our Sun is not the only star. When you look at the night sky, you see only some of the billions of stars in our universe.

Lots of stars are bigger and brighter and hotter than our Sun. There are also many that are smaller and dimmer and cooler. Our Sun is a medium-sized star.

So why does our Sun look like the biggest and brightest one? One simple reason: it's the closest to us. If you traveled by rocket to the Sun, it would take about 7 months. If you traveled in that same rocket to Proxima Centauri, the next closest star after our Sun, it would take 157,000 years! Because the Sun is so close, it *appears* much MUCH bigger and brighter to Earthlings than any other star.



All these streetlights are the same size and brightness. Notice that the closest one **appears** bigger and brighter than the ones in the distance.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

# OUR BRIGHT SUN



Directions: Use the *Our Bright Sun* reading passage to answer the following questions.

1. What is one difference between a planet and a star?

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2. List the names of two stars. \_\_\_\_\_

3. Fill in the blank: Our Sun is a \_\_\_\_\_-sized star.  
large/medium/small

4. Explain why our Sun looks like the biggest and brightest star even though it's not.

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5. During the day we see only the sun but at night we see other stars. Why don't we see other stars during the day?

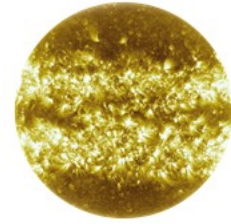
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Name \_\_\_\_\_ **ANSWER KEY** \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

# OUR BRIGHT SUN



**Directions:** Fill in the blank with the correct word from the word bank.

Our Sun is different from \_\_\_\_\_ Earth. How so? Our \_\_\_\_\_ is a giant ball of burning \_\_\_\_\_! The Sun is a \_\_\_\_\_.

Look \_\_\_\_\_ Are you \_\_\_\_\_ on fire? Hopefully not.

\_\_\_\_\_ is a planet, not a star, and Earth is not burning up. (Sure, we have forest fires and volcanoes but that is not the same as the whole world being on fire all the time.)

Our Sun is not the only star. When you look at the night sky, you see only some of the \_\_\_\_\_ of stars in our universe.

Lots of stars are bigger and \_\_\_\_\_ and hotter than our Sun. There are also many that are smaller and dimmer and cooler. Our Sun is a medium-sized star.

So why does our Sun look like the biggest and brightest one? One simple \_\_\_\_\_: it's the closest to us. If you traveled by \_\_\_\_\_ to the Sun, it would take about 7 months. If you traveled in that same rocket to \_\_\_\_\_, the next closest star after our Sun, it would take \_\_\_\_\_ years! Because the Sun is so close, it *appears* much MUCH bigger and brighter to \_\_\_\_\_ than any other star.

star      Proxima Centauri      gas      Earthlings

brighter      rocket      Earth      157,000      billions

feet      Sun      down      reason      planet

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## STAR LIGHT, STAR BRIGHT. WHAT IS THE BRIGHTEST-LOOKING STAR IN SIGHT?



**Directions:** Ask a partner for words to fill in the blanks.

Our Sun is different from \_\_\_\_\_ Earth. How so? The \_\_\_\_\_ is a giant ball  
*THING IN SPACE* *NOUN*

of burning \_\_\_\_\_. The Sun is a star.

Look \_\_\_\_\_. Are your \_\_\_\_\_ on fire? Hopefully not. \_\_\_\_\_  
*DIRECTION (EX: EAST, LEFT, UP)* *BODY PART (PLURAL)* *NOUN*

is a planet, not a star, and Earth is not burning up. (Sure, we have forest fires and volcanoes but that is not the same as the whole world being on fire all the time.)

Our Sun is not the only star. When you look at the night sky, you see only some of the  
\_\_\_\_\_ of stars in our universe.  
*NUMBER*

Lots of stars are bigger and \_\_\_\_\_ and hotter than our Sun. There are also  
*ADJECTIVE ENDING IN -ER*  
many that are smaller and dimmer and cooler. Our Sun is a medium-sized star.

So why does our Sun look like the biggest and brightest one? One simple

\_\_\_\_\_ : it's the closest to us. If you traveled by \_\_\_\_\_ to the Sun, it  
*NOUN* *VEHICLE*  
would take about 7 months. If you traveled in that same \_\_\_\_\_ to Proxima  
*SAME VEHICLE*

Centauri, the next closest star after our Sun, it would take \_\_\_\_\_ years! Because  
*NUMBER*

the Sun is so close, it appears much MUCH bigger and brighter to

\_\_\_\_\_ than any other star.  
*A NAME ALIENS WOULD CALL HUMANS*

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