



Language Assessment

What Do We Need to Know?

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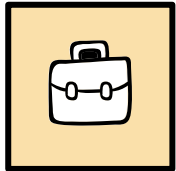
Language Assessment: How we got to where we are now



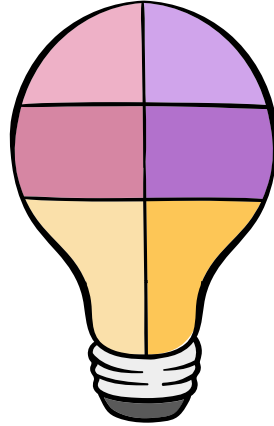
Pre Scientific



Psychometric
Structuralist



Social Integrative/
Humanistic



Theory First

Classical Method



Behavioristic

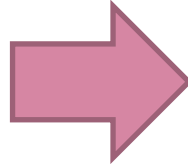


Communicative



From Traditional to Alternative Assessment

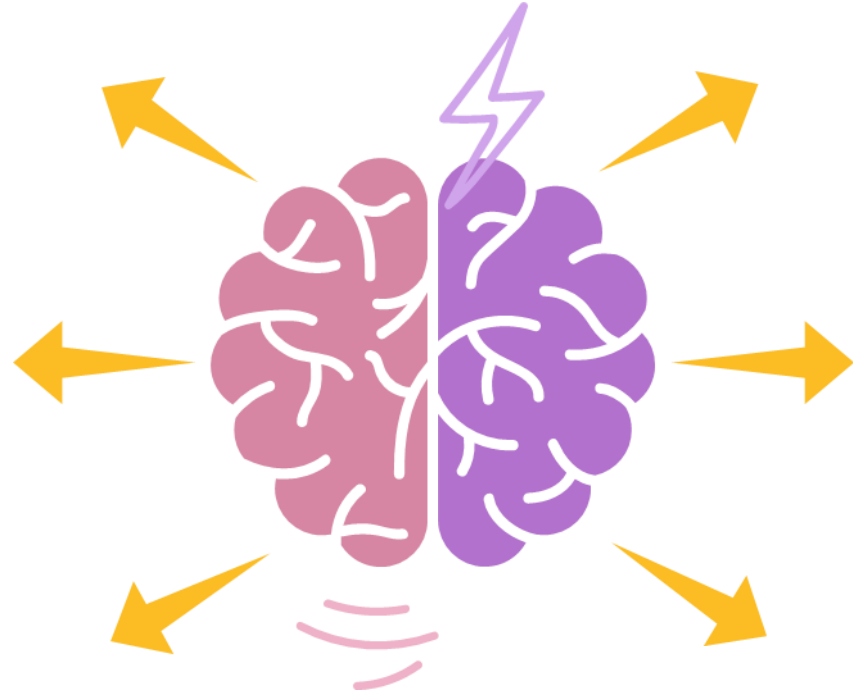
- One Shot Tests
- Summative
- Individualised Projects
- Decontextualised test tasks
- Judgemental
- Standardised
- Teacher Proof
- Intrusive
- Exclusion of the student
- Assessment of learning



- Continuous, Longitudinal
- Formative
- Group Projects
- Contextualised test tasks
- Developmental
- Classroom based
- Teacher Mediated
- Integrated
- Inclusion of the student
- Assessment for learning

New Test Formats

- Multiple choice, filling in the blanks, essays, cloze tests, summaries
- Portfolios, Reflections, Diaries, Journals
- Self-Assessment, Peer-Assessment
- Alternatives in Assessment

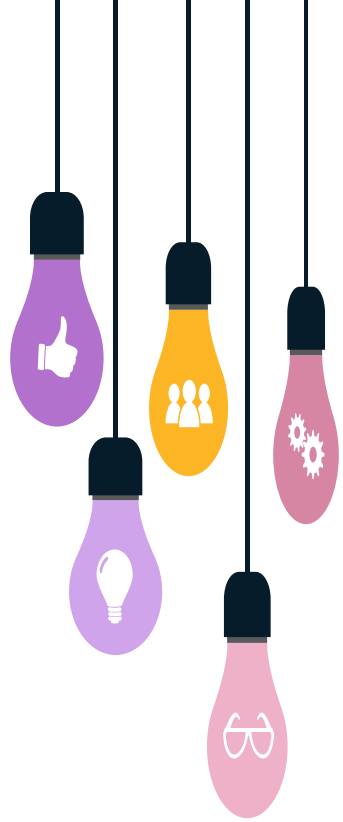


Question

**How do tests and
assessment help in
teaching and learning?**



The General Assessment Process



Preparing/selecting the tool/task

1

Collecting the data

2

Analysing, understanding and interpreting the data
using Professional Knowledge

3

Making judgements

4

Deciding what to do and making recommendations

5

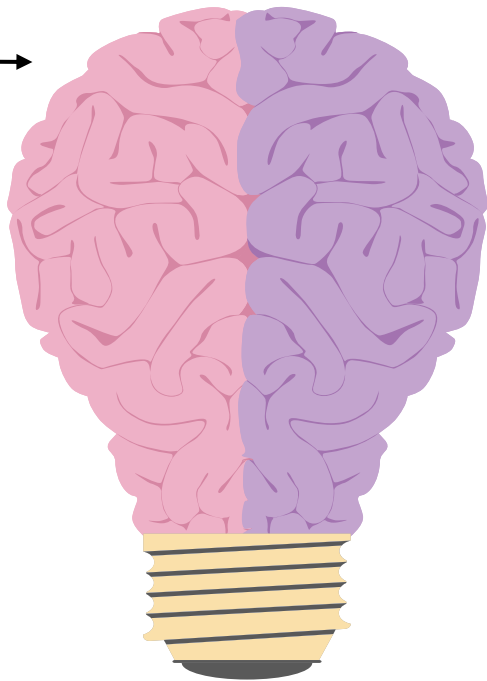
**Against this Backdrop,
what kinds of
knowledge, skills and
awareness do we, as
educators, need?**



Language Assessment Literacy

What?

- A repertoire of competencies that enable an individual to understand, evaluate and create language tests and analyze test data (Pill & Harding, 2013)
- The single most cost-effective way to improve education (Popham, 2018)



Why?

- Accurate feedback/information to students and teachers to help facilitate better learning
- Better able to guide learners to move from one level to another

Tests with the Power to Discriminate



Norm vs Criterion Referenced



Norm Referenced involving referencing against the performance of others;
Criterion Referenced – against a set criteria

In-betweeners



Discriminate between students that are not clear cut A and F students

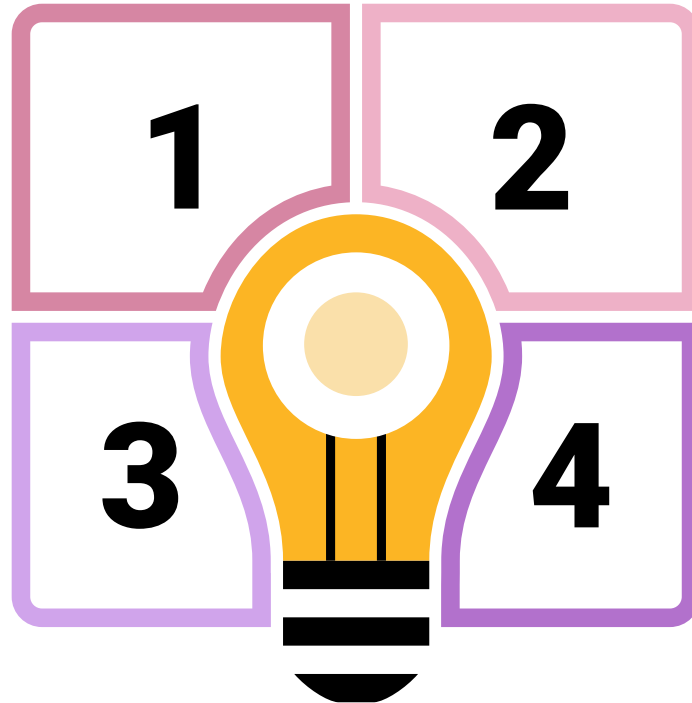
Moving Up the Scale



The use of a medley of test types, performance based assessment and a reference scale / rubrics

Parts of a Test (Wesche)

**Stimulus
Material**



**Task Posed to
the Learner**

**Learner
Response**

**Scoring
Criteria**

TOEIC Speaking Test

Question 3: Describe a picture

Directions: In this part of the test, you will describe the picture on your screen in as much detail as you can.

You will have 30 seconds to prepare your response. Then you will have 45 seconds to speak about the picture.



Question

**How would you adapt
parts of the test
(according to the Wesche
model) to make it easier
or more difficult?**



Worth and Value of a Test/Assessment

Test Usefulness

Bachman and Palmer

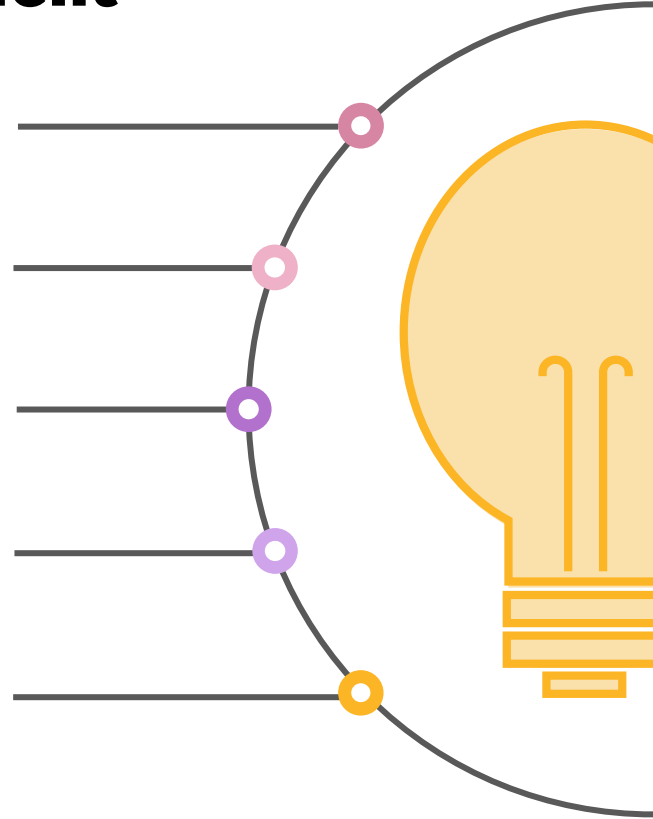
Validity, Reliability and
Practicality

Authenticity and
Directness

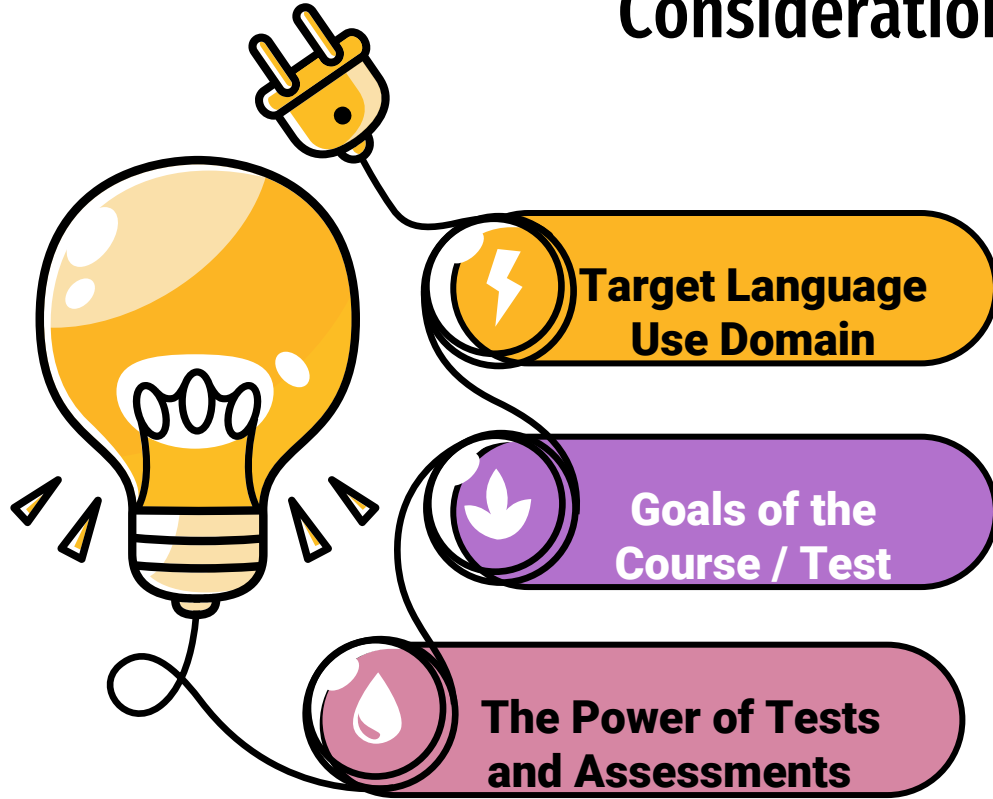
Interactiveness

Impact

Ethics/Fairness, Use,
Abuse and Misuse



Considerations



How well does the test reflect or meet the TLUD?

What were the goals and objectives of the course (EAP, GE?)

Washback effects of tests to drive learning

Matching the test to the Target Language Use Domain

ITEM 1

Based on the given topic and thesis statement, complete an outline and write two body paragraphs. You may use ANY excerpts provided on pages 4 and 5 to support your points.

Topic : Stress Management

Thesis Statement : Individuals can manage stress in two effective ways.

PART 1:

Complete the outline below.

Outline

Body Paragraph 1

Topic Sentence : _____

Supporting Point 1 : _____

Supporting Detail : _____

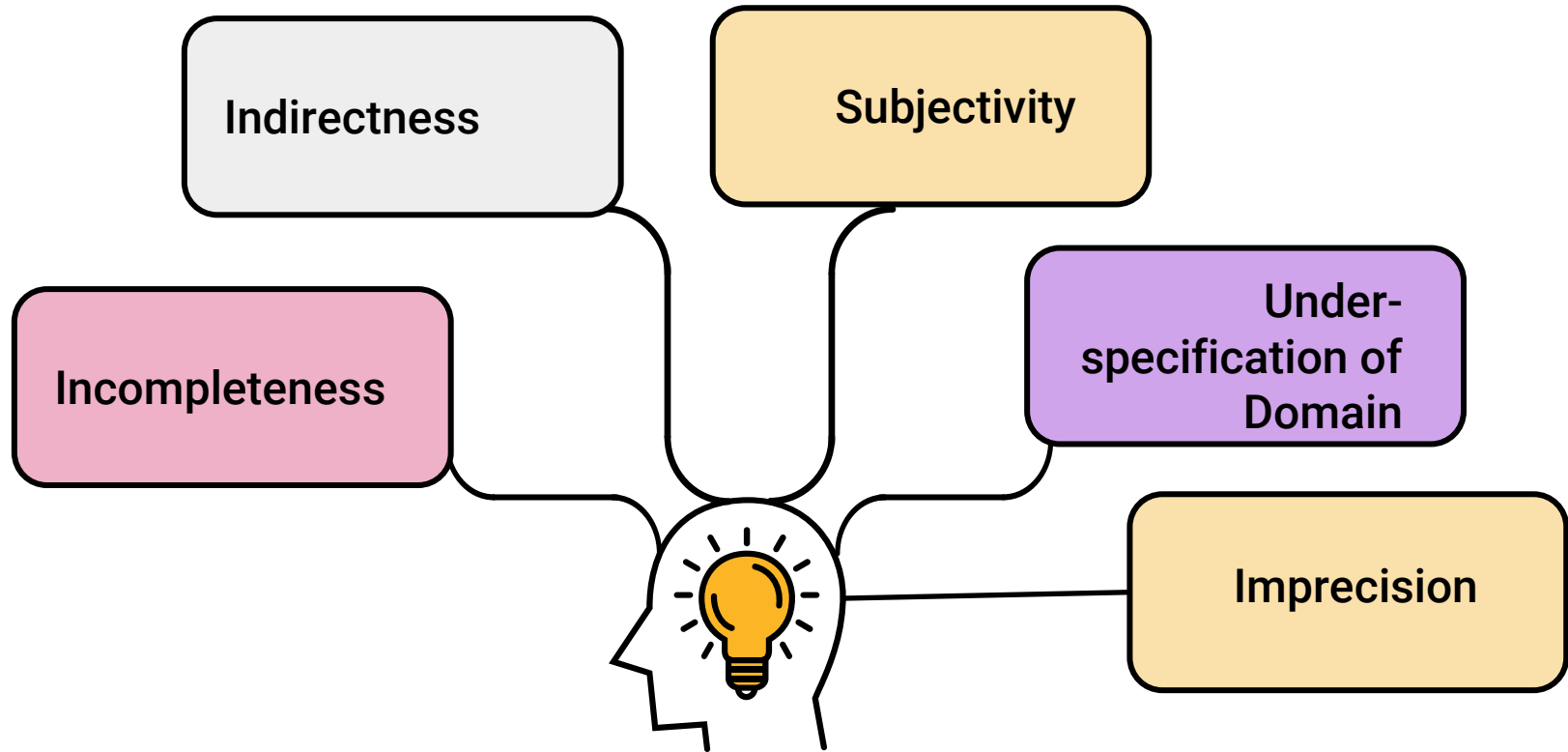
Supporting Point 2 : _____

Supporting Detail : _____

Concluding Sentence : _____

(1 mark)

Accommodating for the Limitations of a Test



A large, diverse crowd of people is shown from the chest up, filling the frame. They are all smiling and clapping their hands, suggesting a celebratory event or the end of a performance. The crowd is dense, with many faces visible. In the background, a bright blue light source, possibly a stage or screen, is visible. Overlaid in the center of the image is the text "The End" in a large, white, serif font with a black outline.

The End



The End
Thank You.

- Lay of the land
- Language Assessment Literacy
- Test Usefulness
- Target Language Use Domains
- Parts of a Test
- Process of Test Construction

Target Language Use Domain



Jupiter

It's a gas giant
and also the
biggest planet in
the Solar System



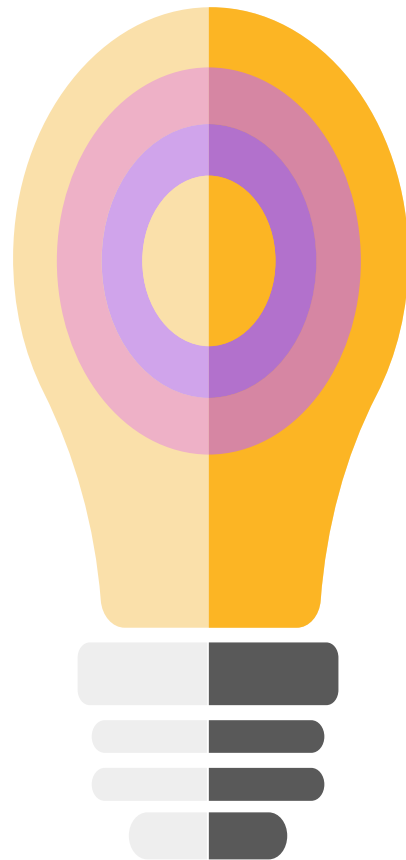
Venus

It has a beautiful
name, but it's
terribly hot, more
than Mercury



Mars

Mars is actually a
cold place. It's a
planet full of iron
oxide dust



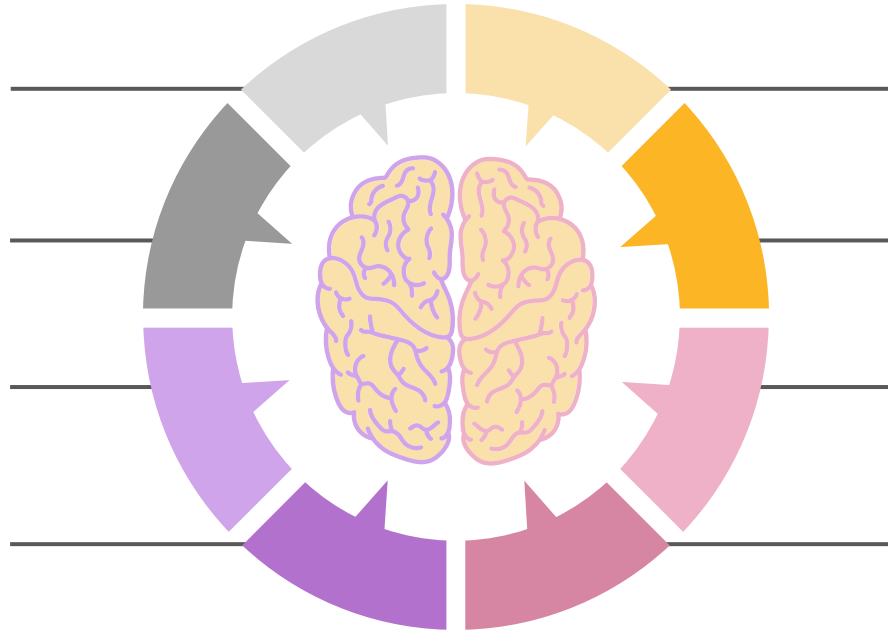
Ideas Infographics

It's the smallest planet
in the Solar System

It's the biggest planet
in the Solar System

Venus has a very
poisonous atmosphere

Earth is the planet
where we all live on



It's composed mostly
of hydrogen and
helium

Neptune is the farthest
planet from the Sun

It's a cold place. It's
full of iron oxide dust

Ceres is located in the
main asteroid belt

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Saturn

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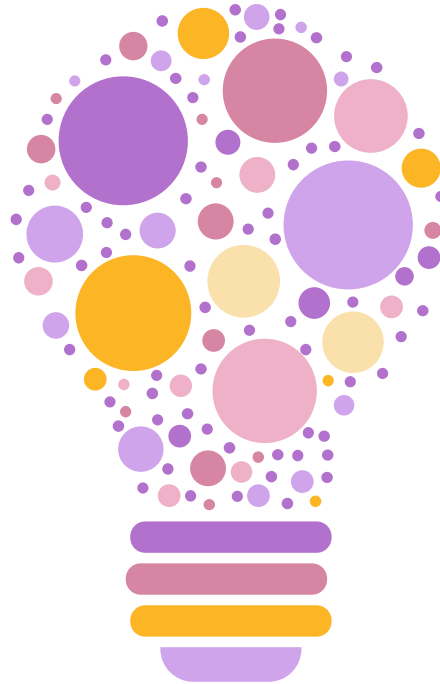


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Mercury is the closest planet to the Sun

Jupiter is a gas giant and the biggest planet

Neptune is the farthest planet from the Sun



Despite being red, Mars is a very cold place

Earth is the third planet and it harbors life

Venus has a beautiful name, but it's hot

Ideas Infographics

It's the smallest planet in the Solar System

It's composed mostly of hydrogen and helium

Venus has a very poisonous atmosphere

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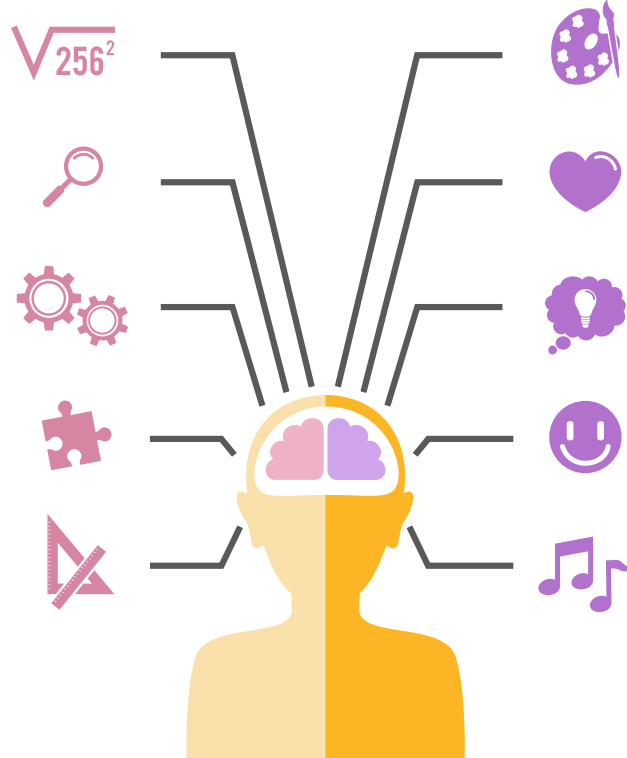
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3:00

Speak for 1 to 3 minutes about the topic below

Choose a plant or animal that you have learned about and that you think is interesting. Describe some of the challenges or dangers the organism faces and explain how it has adapted for survival.

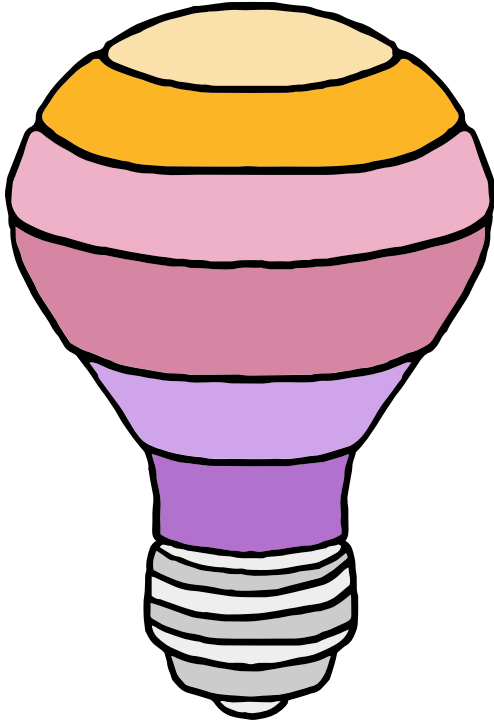


● RECORDING...



NEXT

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Mercury is the smallest planet in the Solar System



Saturn is composed mostly of hydrogen and helium



Venus has a beautiful name, but also high temperatures



Jupiter is the biggest planet in the Solar System



Despite being red, Mars is actually a cold place



Neptune is the fourth-largest planet in the Solar System

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Mercury

Mercury is the closest planet to the Sun and is only a bit larger than the Moon



Venus

Venus has a beautiful name and is the second planet from the Sun



Saturn

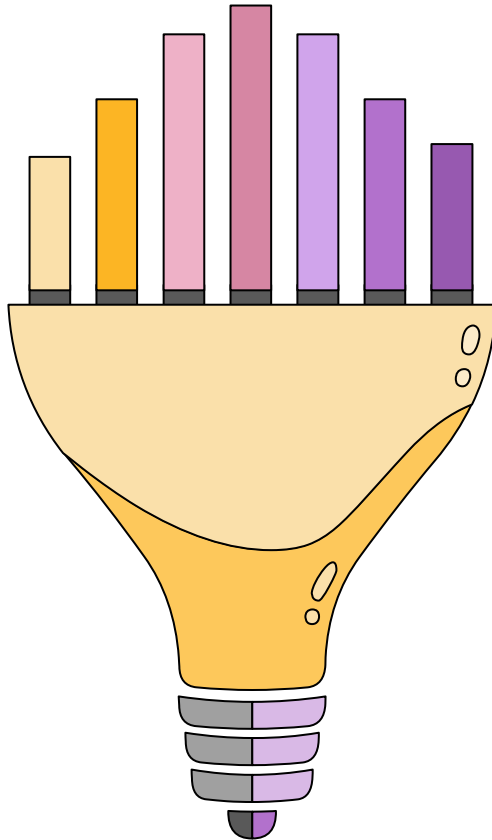
Saturn is the ringed one. It's composed mostly of hydrogen and helium



Mars

Despite being red, Mars is actually a cold place. It's full of iron oxide dust

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Mercury

It's the closest planet to the Sun



Saturn

It's composed of hydrogen and helium



Venus

Venus has a poisonous atmosphere



Jupiter

It's a gas giant in the Solar System



Mars

Mars is full of iron oxide dust



Pluto

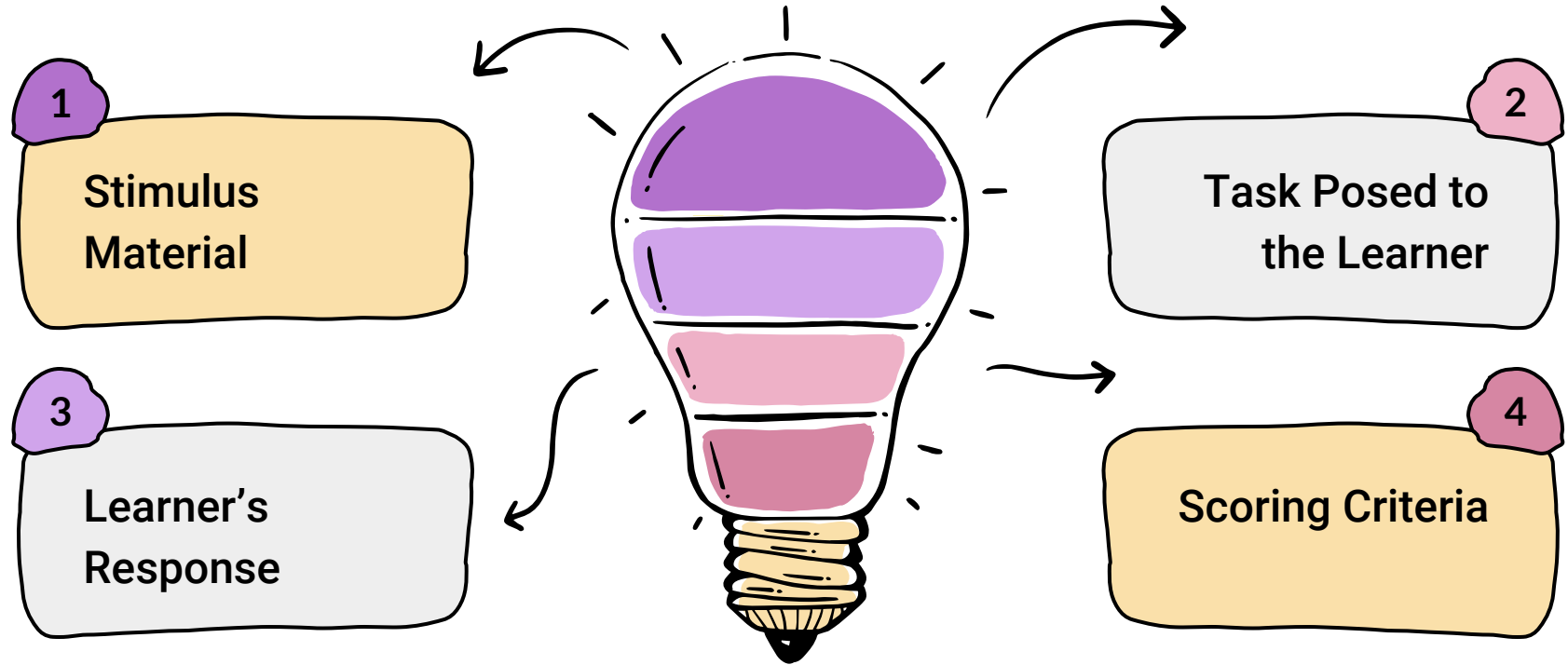
It's now considered a dwarf planet



Earth

Earth is the planet where we live on

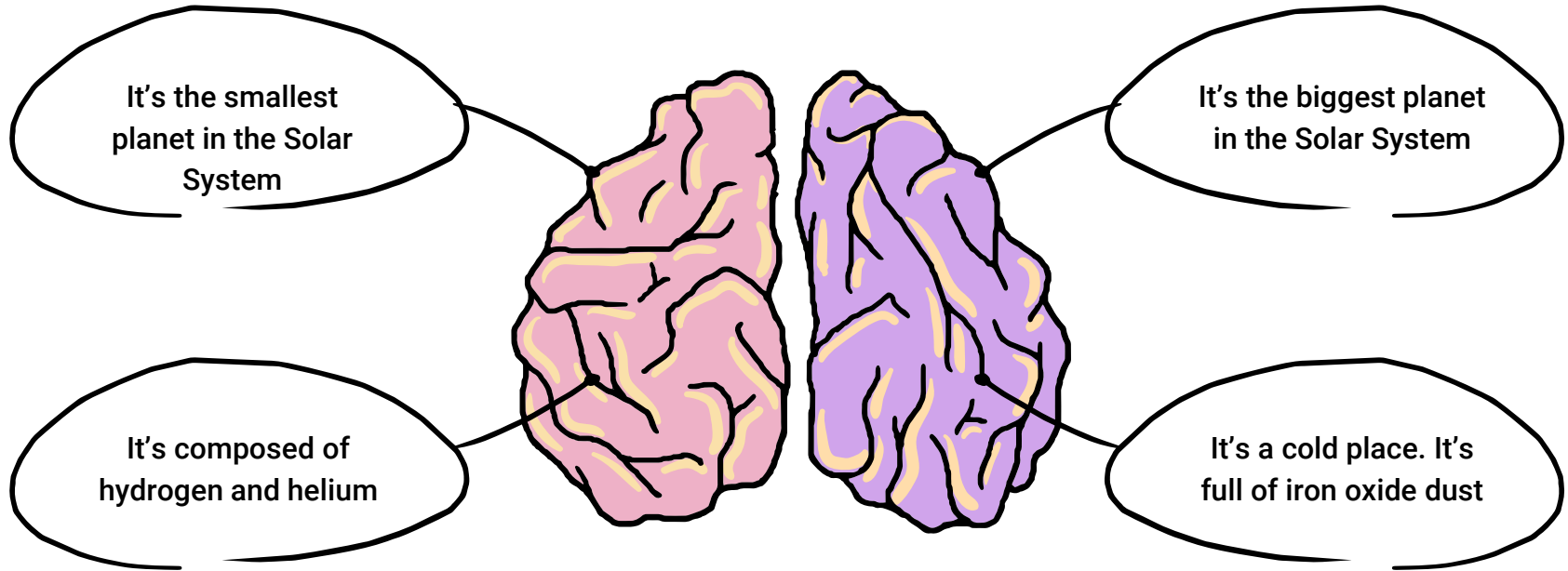
Parts of a Test



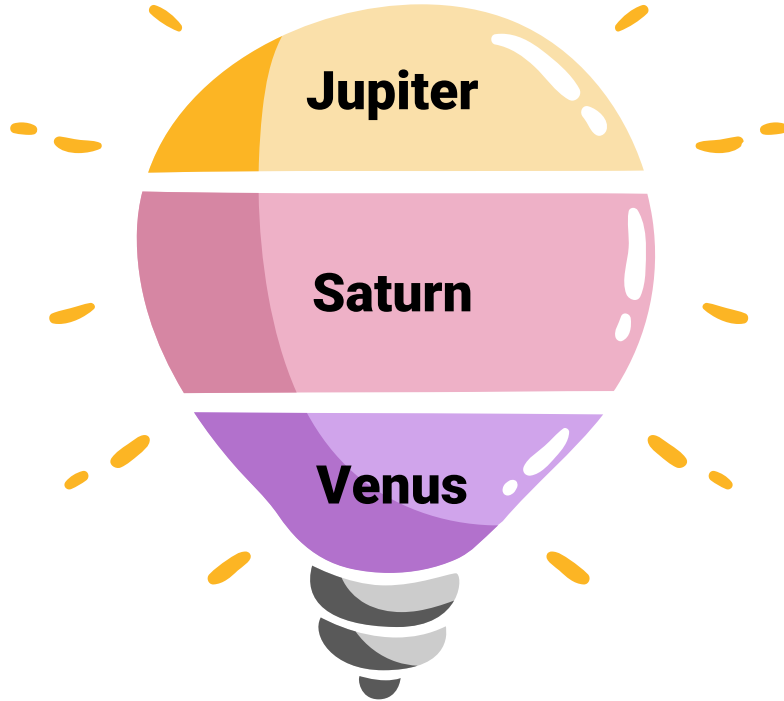
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1

Jupiter is a gas giant and actually also the biggest planet in the Solar System

2

Saturn is a gas giant in the Solar System, composed mostly of hydrogen and helium

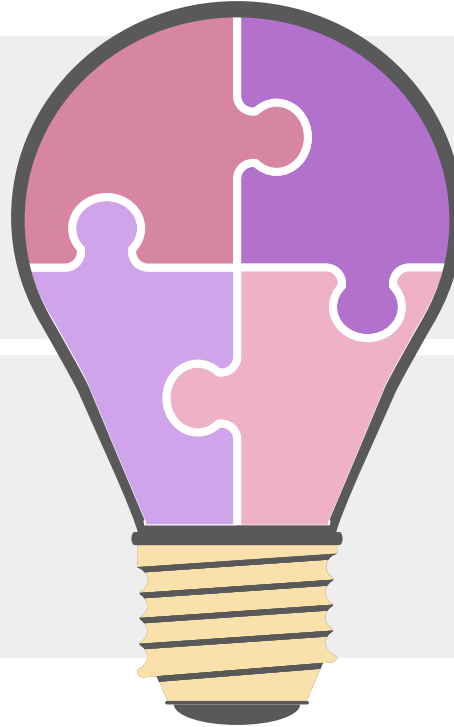
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It has a beautiful name and is the second planet from the Sun in the Solar System

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Basic Idea

The smallest planet
The biggest planet
The beautiful planet



Advanced Idea

The smallest planet
The biggest planet
The beautiful planet

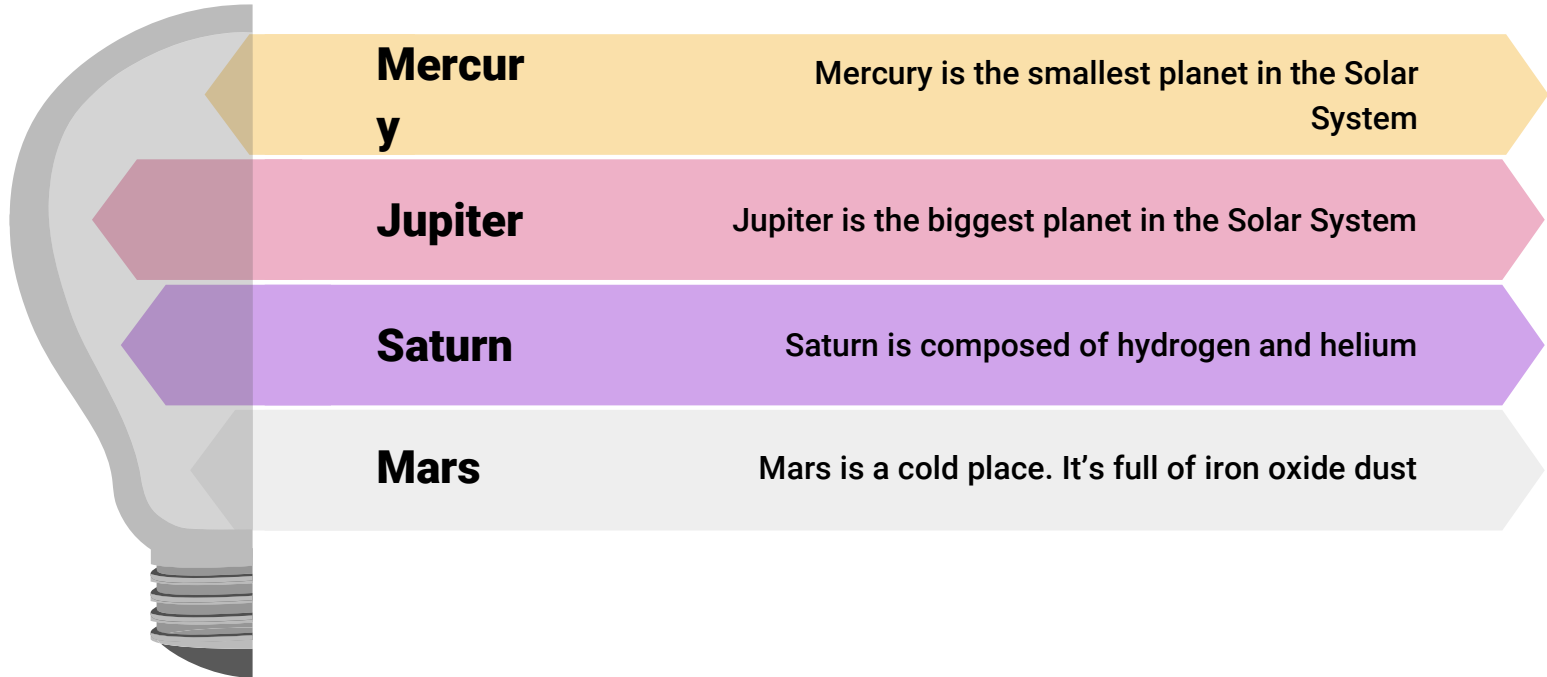
Business Idea

The smallest planet
The biggest planet
The beautiful planet

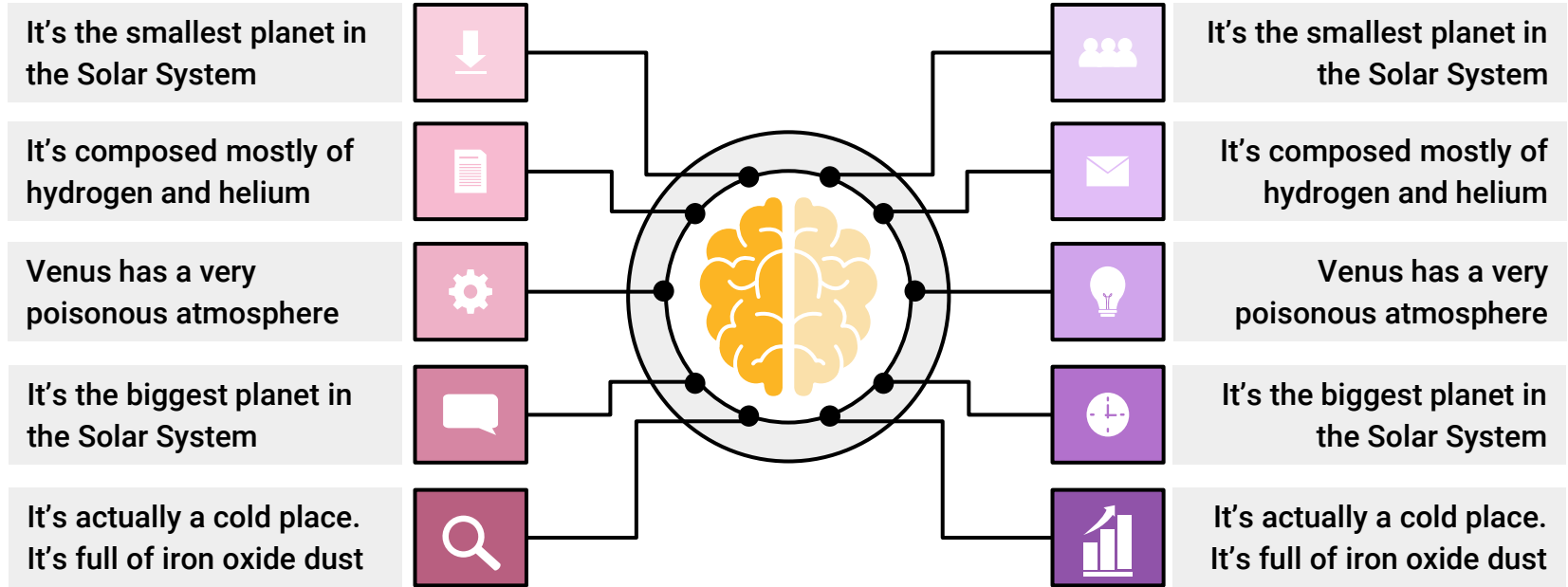
Professional Idea

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The biggest planet
The beautiful planet

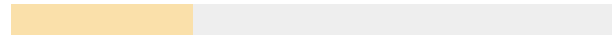
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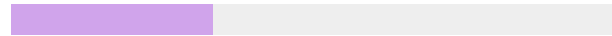
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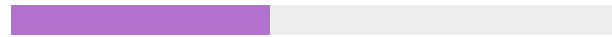
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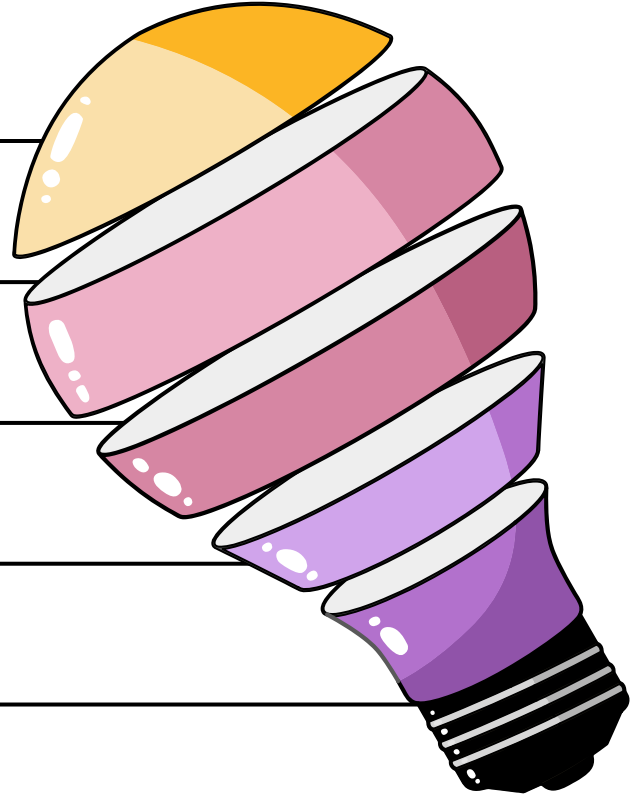
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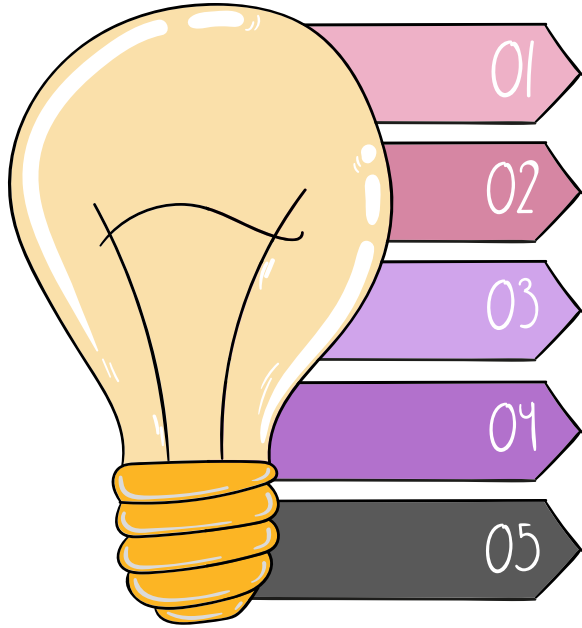
It's composed of hydrogen and helium



It's a cold place. It's full of iron oxide dust



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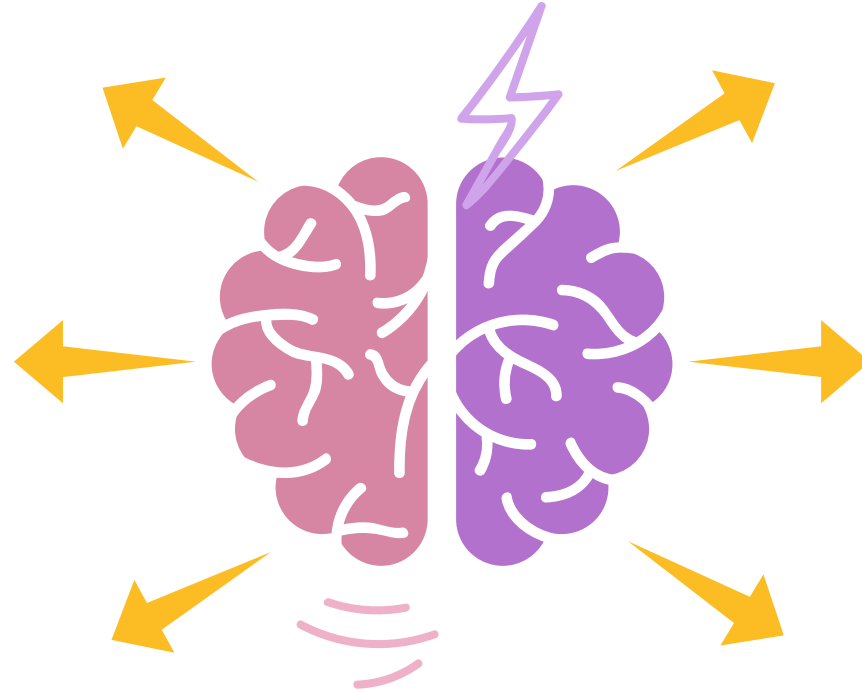
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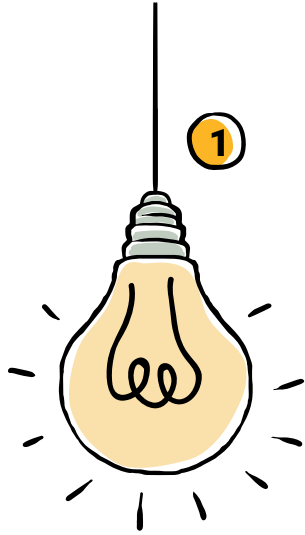
Neptune

Neptune is very far away from Earth

Mars

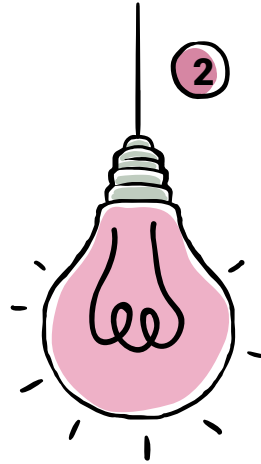
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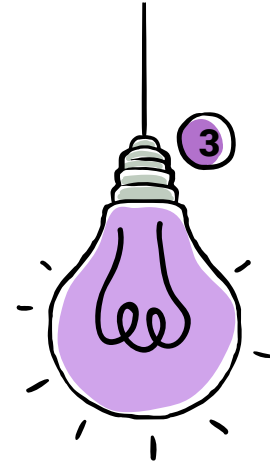
Mars

Despite being red, Mars is actually a cold place. It's full of iron oxide dust



Jupiter

It's a gas giant and the biggest planet in the Solar System



Saturn

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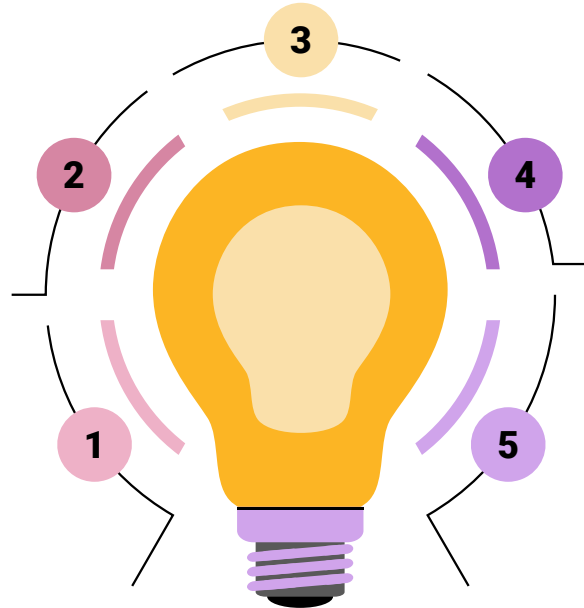
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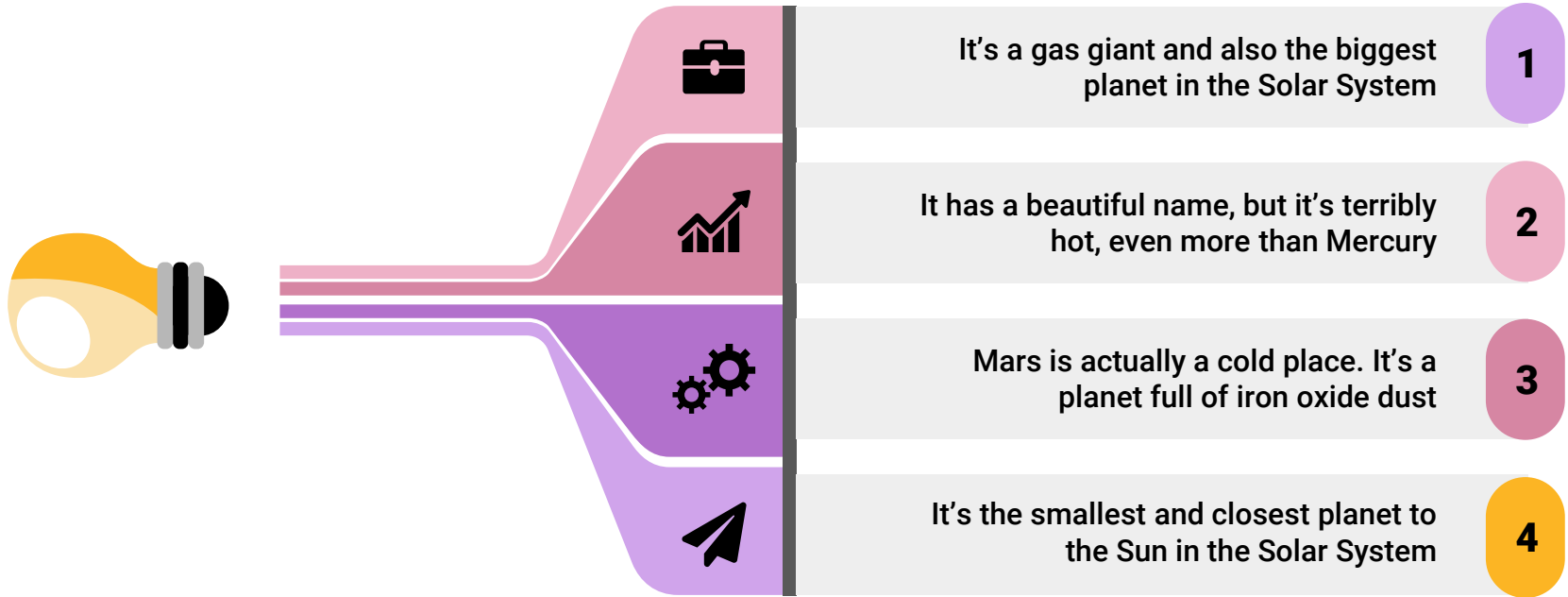
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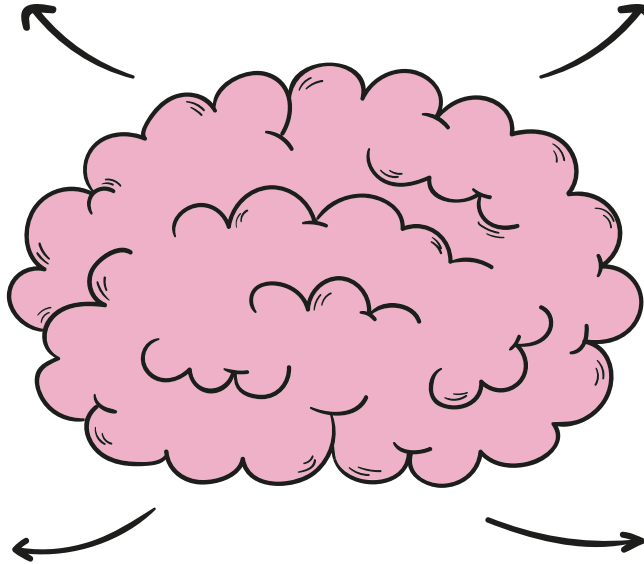
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Mercury

It's the smallest and closest planet to the Sun in the Solar System

Mars

Mars is actually a cold place. It's a planet full of iron oxide dust



Jupiter

It's a gas giant and also the biggest planet in the Solar System

Venus

It has a beautiful name, but it's terribly hot, even hotter than Mercury

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