

# Boardmaker Activities-to-Go Teacher Guide

## Theme: Space | Unit: Planets

**Big Idea:** We all live on the planet Earth.

### Order of Activities

Main Activities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Hidden Picture/Web</li><li>2. Vocabulary</li><li>3. Book</li><li>4. Matching/Sorting/Poll Writing</li><li>5. Recipe-Craft</li><li>6. Bingo</li><li>7. Board Game</li></ol>
Supports	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>8. Activity Schedule</li><li>9. Communication Board</li><li>10. Classroom Support</li><li>11. Student Reward Chart</li><li>12. Quiz</li></ol>
Speech & Language	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>13. Find an Object</li><li>14. Following Directions</li></ol>

### Vocabulary

Level A	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. planet</li><li>2. ground</li><li>3. round</li><li>4. living things</li></ol>
Level B	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. planet</li><li>2. round</li><li>3. rocky</li><li>4. different</li></ol>
Level C	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. planet</li><li>2. orbit</li><li>3. gas</li><li>4. same</li></ol>

### Suggested Books

- [Planets](#) by Ellen Hasbrouch & Scott McDougall
- [Space!: The Universe You Have Never Seen](#) by DK
- [tarheelreader.org/2014/09/09/our-solar-system-11](http://tarheelreader.org/2014/09/09/our-solar-system-11)

### Learning Tips

**Read it Again:** Repetition boosts comprehension, expression and engagement. The more we practice, the more independent our learner becomes.

- Each time you turn the page of a book or do an activity, pause and offer an open-ended comment. Then wait for and expect participation.
- Each time you complete the Recipe-Craft, wait for them to tell you the next step or have them tell a friend.

**Introduce New Words:** The more words we expose them to, the more they will know, use and understand.

- Use the search and edit features in Snap Core First\* to find or add targeted words.
- If you can't find a word like blob, talk around it! Find words that describe it, like soft, blue or silly.

**Extend Thematic Learning:** Notice when your student is particularly engaged by a topic. Extend that learning by creating books or activities that relate to it.

- Sign up for a FREE trial of Boardmaker Online ([boardmakeronline.com](http://boardmakeronline.com)) and use our templates to create your own books, matching activities, schedules and more!

\*Snap Core First is a symbol-based communication software brought to you by Tobii Dynavox.

### Communication Tips

**Be Prepared:** Make sure their communication system is always available to both you and your AAC communicator.

- If you are using the attached low-tech communication board, review the location of core words, so you have a general idea where to find them.

**Show Them:** Point to words as you say them. It's amazing how often we use core words

- Go Slow; it's okay for you to learn along with them. They'll use it if you do.
- Print your own Communication Board or Download the Snap Core First Companion App.

**Now You Find It:** The more you know about a communication system, the more you can support the use of it.

- The SEARCH feature in Snap Core First is an easy way to quickly locate words. Help your student search for and find new words in the word list.
- If you're using the low-tech board, go to Boardmaker Online to create/customise any page.