

Bee Bob goes to the Solar System

Narrator: Bee Bob flies up, up to the sky. It even goes further and arrives till the space. It listens to some voices:

Bee Bob: Who's that over there? (Bee Bob thinks)

Sun: Listen guys! I have a question. (Says the Sun) Many years together and I do not know your names. And I don't know why you are closer or further either. Anyone could answer. (Asks the Sun)

T: Who is the Sun talking about? Do you remember how many there are? Do you remember their names?

Mercury – Venus – Earth – Mars – Jupiter – Saturn – Uranus – Neptune

Mercury: Hi Sun! My name is Mercury. I'm the first in position. In the Earth, humans use my name for a day of the week. There, my position changes depending on the place they are. If they are in the United Kingdom, UK, my position is the fourth but if they are in Spain, for example, my position is the third then.

T: What day is it?

Sun: Really? That's very interesting! Does this happen to the rest of you?

Venus: Hello Sun, now it's my turn. Depending on the Solar System position, I'm the second closer to you.

Sun: And, what's your name?

Venus: My name is Venus, Sun.

Sun: Tell me Venus, what's your name in the Earth?

Venus: Uh, dear Star, my name is Friday.

Sun: Guess what? I'm reading a book where one of the characters was that name?

T: Do you remember the name of the book? Do you remember who Friday was?

Robinson Crusoe's new friend.

Earth: I know, I know! **(said the Earth)**

Sun: Tell me little Smurf! Try and guess!

Earth: Robinson Crusoe? **(Asks the Blue Earth)**

Sun: You are right! Well done! Tell me little Smurf, what is your name?

Earth: My name is Earth, oh Great Star!

Mercury: And why are you Blue? **(Asks Mercury)**

Venus: I think I know! **(Says Venus)**

Sun: Go on, please! **(Says the Sun)**

Venus: It's blue, because most of it is water.

Earth: That's it! **(Says the Earth)** 2/3 of me is water.

Mercury: And the other third? **(Asks Mercury)**

Venus: It's land. **(Answers Venus)**

T: What star is asking a lot of questions?

What planet has many doubts? Is really a problem asking doubts? Why? If you ask your doubts, do you get answers? What happens to you if you do not ask when you don't know the answers?

What planet has many answers, do you remember?

Earth: Hei, Venus! You know a lot about me.

Venus: I've been looking for information.

Sun: That's great! **(Says the Sun)**. What about you Red Planet... You, that are next to our friend Earth. Who are you?

Mars: I'm Mars! They call me Tuesday on Earth.

Narrator: Bee Bob is fascinated. It is learning a lot of things he didn't know about its planets.

T: Which is Bob's planet? Which is your planet? Is it the same? Why?

Sun: What's your position, Mars?

Mars: Here, I'm in the fourth position and in the Earth, as Mercury has said before depends on the place where humans are. If we are in America, I'm at the third position while if they are in France, I'm at the second position.

Sun: Interesting! **(Says the Sun)**

Narrator: Mercury was thoughtful...

Sun: What are you thinking about? **(Says the Sun)**

Mercury: If I am Wednesday, Venus is Friday and Mars is Tuesday... Earth, what's your name depending on the days of the week?

Sun: Good question! **(Says the Sun)**

Narrator: The Earth gets really crossed.

Earth: They didn't think with me. Can you believe it? **(Says offended)** I have no position in the days of the week.

All the planets: Poor Earth! **(Say all the planets at once)**

Sun: You, the planet next to Mars. Who are you?

Jupiter: My name is Jupiter. In here, my position is the fifth. Humans call me Thursday and as my friends, if I am in Australia, I'm in the same position than here, but if I am in Italy, it changes. I am at the fourth position.

Mercury: Awesome! **(Shouts Mercury)**

Sun: Next please!

Saturn: My name is Saturn. My position in here is the sixth, as in Portugal. Humans love this day. Children in special do. Some of them haven't got classes; some adults do not work either and they have free time. In Germany, I'm the seventh.

Mercury: That's fantastic! **(shouts exited)** So, all of us have got a day of the week! Haven't we?

Uranus: Not me! **(Uranus says annoyed)**

Neptune: Not me either! **(Neptune says upset)**

Sun: Well, no worries kids! Hei, listen! Uranus, Neptune! You have a position here. Never mind! It's ok! Do not worry about it. **(The Sun tried to calm them)**

Narrator: **Bee Bob listens to someone crying! The planets turn to their left and the Sun did it too. Next to Neptune, a bit further, they find a little round sphere crying.**

T: Can you imagine who is it? Do you know why it is so sad? **Maybe** has lost itself? **Maybe** has lost mum? What do you think about it?

Sun: Oh! Poor you! Who are you?

Pluto: I'm Pluto. **(Says the small sphere really sad)**

Sun: Tell us, Pluto. Why are you crying? Why are you so sad?

Pluto: All of you have got a position and I haven't. I haven't got any position at the days of the week and I haven't got any position in here either. **(Pluto starts crying again)**

Sun: Tssh, Tssh! Stop crying my little! Everything is ok. Everyone has a position in Universe. Closer or further, here or there but if not, you wouldn't be here, would you?

Pluto: But Sun, if I am not a planet, what am I? **(Said nervously)** Am I a comet? A satellite maybe? Or Am I a star?

Sun: My little fellow! You are not a comet. You are not a satellite either. You are not a star. You are a planet but, you are not a normal planet, you are a very special planet. You aren't as big as your partners, you are smaller than them. So, you are a Dwarf Planet! To be a dwarf is not bad... Uhum, that reminds me another story I read many years ago...

T: Could you imagine what story is the Sun referring to? There is a cruel step mother, a father who was the king. There is a prince and a princess... A forest and a cottage where seven nice dwarves lived. Do you remember now? "Snow White and the Seven Dwarves"

Narrator: Bee Bob cannot believe its eyes. The Sun is so intelligent, so wise. He wants to listen more. Mercury is thoughtful again.

Sun: What's wrong Mercury? **(Asks the Sun)**

Mercury: Sun, May I ask you something?

Sun: Of course my friend!

Mercury: If Mars is Tuesday, Mercury is Wednesday, Jupiter is Thursday, Venus is Friday and Saturn is Saturday. Those are five days of the week. Who are Sunday and Monday?

T: Do you know the answer? Let's see! Sun-day! Mon-day! Any idea?

Sun: You know the answer! **(Says the Sun)** Just think a bit! Come on!

Mercury: Sun-day! **(Says Mercury)** Sun-day! **(Repeats again)** Oh, I know, I know! I think I know! Is it a very big and enormous, huge and hot star? **(Asks Mercury)**

Sun: Yes, Buddy! That's right!

Mercury: Oh, That's you! **(Screamed happily Mercury)**

Sun: Very well done! Exclaimed the Sun.

Other planets: Good job! **(Shouted with glee)**

Sun: What about Monday? **(Asked the Sun)**

Mercury: Mon – day! Mon – day! **(Repeated Mercury)** Is it a star?

Sun: Nope!

Mercury: Let me see! Is it a planet?

Sun: It's not!

Mercury: Mmmm, let's see, let's see!

Earth: I'm giving you a clue! **(Said the Earth)** It's my natural satellite. We normally see it when the Sun goes away and it disappears when Sun comes back again.

Mercury: Mmmmm, it's a satellite, so, no light! Aha! Is it the moon?

All the planets: It is! **(Shouted all together at once)**
