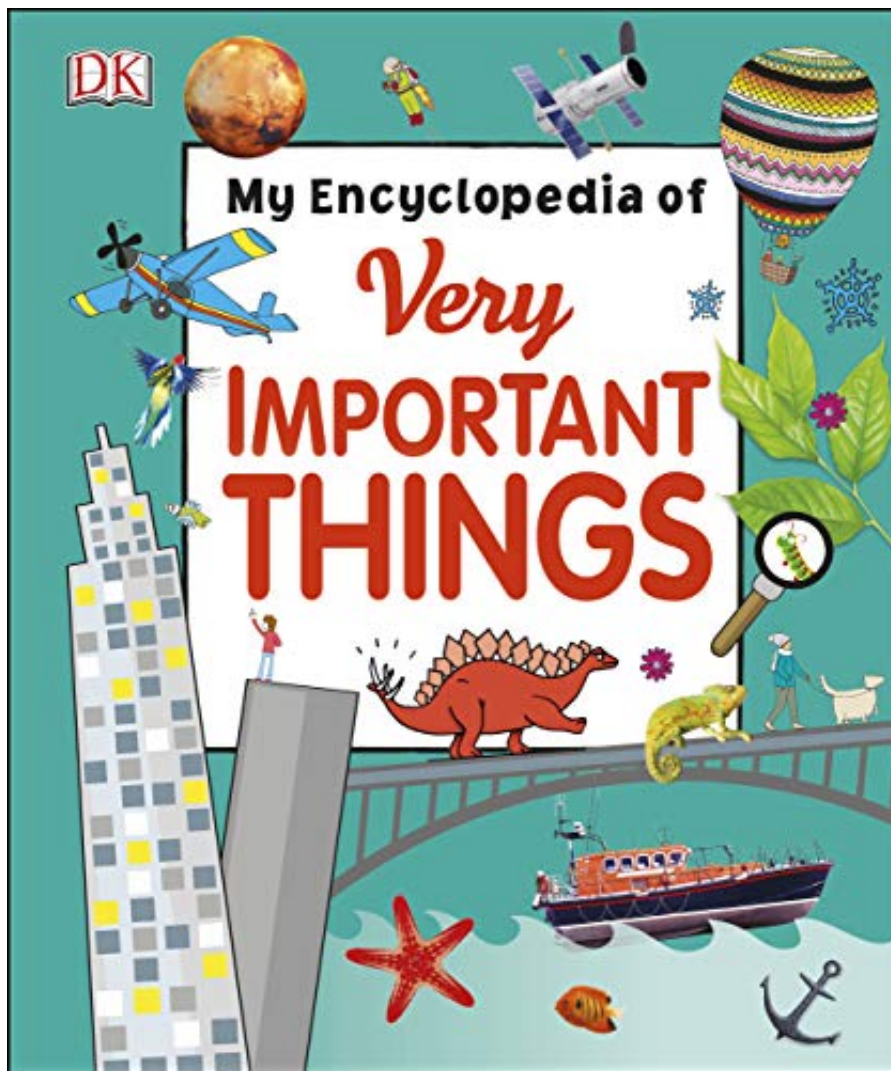


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Little Learners Who Want to Know Everything  
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Very important things about

my planet Earth is our amazing home. It's covered with lush forests, dry deserts, and big blue  
oceans (so big that Earth looks blue from space.) Earth is the only planet that we know of  
where things can live, so it's a very special place!

Our place in space Our planet (Earth) is in a group with seven other planets. This group is  
called the solar system. What are planets? Planets are big round objects in space. Some are  
made of rock, and the others are big balls of gas. Most of them orbit (travel around) a star. The  
sun The sun is a star. Without its heat, no plants, animals, or people could survive on Earth.  
That includes you! Earth Mercury Mars Venus The solar system is so big even the planets that  
seem close to each other are VERY far apart. 10 Sun Mercury Earth Mars Venus Jupiter  
Saturn Huge rocks float between Mars and Jupiter in an area called the asteroid belt. We  
live here

Neptune a n U D Uranus Uranus is different to the other planets, because it spins on its  
side. Saturn NIP As far as we know, Earth is the only planet anywhere where things live. Jupiter  
Neptune Uranus 11 y m o v Tpu nhlsearhn i f onts g ldedlt would take years to reach the edge  
of the solar system. f o Et o ua m . S as r t t a nae r Sr u das t h e S e Ce n All the.

Our Earth Earth is our planet. Most of it is covered by oceans. The rest of the planet's surface  
is land. When the side of the Earth you live on faces the sun, it's daytime. Where does the sun  
go at night? The Earth is always spinning. As it does, the sun shines on different parts of the  
planet. This is why we have days and nights. Equator The Earth takes a whole year to orbit  
(move around) the sun once. a ke s The equator is an imaginary line around the middle of the  
Earth. Think of it like the Earth is wearing an invisible belt! 122 4 When the side of the Earth  
you live on turns away from the sun, it's nighttime. Tshee E aera kt hmt hourst oo npin.

Inside the Earth There are three layers under the Earth's outer layer (crust), but it's too hot for  
us to go there. The crust makes up all the land and the sea floor. What's inside? The mantle is  
almost solid rock, the outer core is liquid metals and minerals, and the inner core is solid  
metals and minerals. If the Earth were an apple, the crust would only be as thick as the skin. T i  
be h l IE o iMantle Outer core Inner corer a nh t e yi ras s. 45l o!d

14 Exosphere Thermosphere Which way is space? If you could drive a car straight up, it would  
only take about an hour to reach space. On the way you'd pass through five layers of air called  
the atmosphere. Satellite The top layer of the atmosphere doesn't end suddenly. It fades  
gradually farther into space. Satellites orbit the Earth all the way up here. They send signals to

the world. Scientists say space starts here. This layer goes up really, REALLY high above the Earth. International Space Station The Space Station is so big you can sometimes see it from the ground. Auroras You can see the colorful aurora light show from places near the North or South Poles.

Mesosphere Stratosphere Troposphere 15 Brr! The air up here is freezing cold. The top of the mesosphere is the coldest place in the world. Meteors Nacreous clouds These beautiful clouds are very rare. Jet planes fly above the clouds to avoid bumps caused by wind. Airplane This is the lowest part of the atmosphere. All weather happens in this bottom layer. This area is home to the ozone layer, which helps protect us from the sun's rays. Rüppell's vulture can fly higher than any other bird. Hot air balloon

The sky at night i v t Astronauts can stay at the International Space Station while they are in space. The moon There's nothing in the night sky that's easier to spot than the moon. Astronauts have walked on the moon. Their footprints will stay there for millions of years because there is no wind or weather there. Phases of the moon Have you ever wondered why the moon seems to change shape? It's because the sun's light hits the moon at different angles as it moves around Earth. There are 8 main phases. 16 New moon Waxing crescent First quarter Waxing gibbous Full moon Waning gibbous Last quarter Waning crescent If you look up on a clear sunny evening, the sky can be full of twinkling lights. But not all of these are stars. In the night sky, there are some objects that are not stars.

Aircraft Satellite Meteor Comet Star Planet Moon Here the moon is in the second phase (waxing crescent). Eye to the sky Telescopes help us to see objects that are very far away, such as planets. Searchlights

18 Sunlit zone Twilight zone Under the waves From the surface to the sea floor, the oceans are packed with life. We separate the ocean into four zones. Let's go diving and learn about each one. Look at the colors! Most sea creatures live near the surface because they need light and warmth from the sun. Jellyfish Sea horse Brrr! Deeper down it gets colder and darker. Plants don't grow here because there isn't enough sunlight. Lots of fish and other sea creatures are very colorful. Whale Giant sperm whales dive deep for food, then swim all the way up to the surface to breathe!

Midnight zone Hadal zone 19 Going deeper still, there are even fewer animals. Those that do live here are specially adapted for the cold and the dark. Dumbo octopus The only way people can travel here is in special submarines. Gulper eel I have a spine on my head which I light up to lure prey. Then I munch them with my terrifying teeth! Angler fish The deepest parts of the Ocean are so dark and hard to reach that even the smartest scientists don't know very much about them!

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