

## **The Adventures of Captain Planet Curriculum-Based Readers Theatre Script**

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| 1   | Beep! Beep! Beep!   | 4   | Mercury is the planet closest to the sun.             |
| 2   | This is a special report from NASA Space Center in Houston, Texas.    | All | Mercury!  |
| 3   | We have just received communication from Captain Planet and his crew. | All | My Very...  |
| 4   | They have discovered that there are 9 planets in the solar system.    | 1   | The "V" stands for Venus.                             |
| All | Solar system? [gesture]   | 2   | Venus is the hottest planet. [gesture] [sound effect] |
| 1   | The solar system is made up of the...                                 | All | Venus!  |
| 2   | sun, [gesture] [sound effect]   | All | My Very Eager...                                      |
| 3   | the 9 planets,  | 3   | The "E" stands for Earth.                             |
| 1   | [soft voice] Ahem, ahem, 8 planets...                                 | 4   | Earth is the only planet that has living things,      |
| 4   | their moons,  | 1   | and can support life                                  |
| 1   | and other objects that orbit the sun.                                 | 2   | like plants   |
| All | How can you remember all 9 planets? [gesture] [sound effect]          | 3   | animals [sound effect]                                |
| 1   | [soft voice] Ahem, ahem, 8 planets...                                 | 4   | and people, like us!                                  |
| 2   | My Very Eager Mother Just Served Us Nine Pizzas!                      | All | Earth!  |
| All | That's a silly sentence!  | All | My Very Eager Mother...                               |
| 2   | That silly sentence will help you remember all 9 planets!             | 1   | The "M" Stands for Mars.                              |
| 1   | [soft voice] Ahem, ahem, 8 planets...                                 | 2   | Mars is the red planet                                |
| All | My..  | 3   | because the soil and rocks are red.                   |
| 3   | My--the "M" stands for Mercury.                                       | All | Mars!   |
|     |   | All | My Very Eager Mother Just...                          |
|     |   | 4   | The "J" stands for Jupiter.                           |
|     |   | 1   | Jupiter is the largest planet.                        |
|     |   | All | Jupiter!  |
|     |   | All | My Very Eager Mother Just Served...                   |
|     |   | 2   | The "S" stands for Saturn.                            |
|     |   | 3   | Saturn has rings.                                     |
|     |   | 4   | Rings? For fingers, toes, or nose? [gesture]          |
|     |   | 3   | No! The ring goes around the planet's center          |
|     |   | 1   | and is made of ice,                                   |

2 rocks,  
 3 and dust [sound effect--  
 cough] [gesture]  
 All Saturn!  
 All My Very Eager Mother Just  
 Served Us...  
 4 The “U” stands for Uranus.  
 1 Uranus is the only planet  
 2 that spins on its side. [gesture]  
 All My Very Eager Mother Just  
 Served Us Nine...  
 3 The “N” stands for Neptune.  
 4 Neptune has eight moons.  
 All Eight Moons?!?  
 4 And it’s the eighth planet from  
 the sun!  
 All Uranus!  
 All My Very Eager Mother Just  
 Served Us Nine Pizzas!  
 1 Pizza! Yum! Yum!  
 2 The “P” stands for Pluto.  
 3 Pluto is the smallest planet of  
 all!  
 3 And it is the coldest. [sound  
 effect]  
 All Pluto!  
 All My Very Eager Mother Just  
 Served Us Nine Pizzas!  
 4 This sentence is so silly!  
 1 But it helps you remember...  
 All All 9 planets in order!  
 1 [soft voice] Ahem, ahem, 8  
 planets...  
 2 Beep! Beep! Beep!  
 3 This just in...  
 4 Houston, we have a problem!  
 [gesture] [sound effect]  
 Scientists have deemed that  
 Pluto is no longer a planet...

All Oh no! What about our silly  
 sentence?  
 1 Houston—we need a new  
 sentence!  
 2 How about...  
 All My Very Eager Mother Just  
 Served Us NACHOS....!  
 [gesture]  
 4 Stay tuned for further  
 developments!  
 All [sound effect—Static]