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Exploring the Mysterious World of Mercury

Short Answer

1. Describe Mercury's surface features.
2. Why does Mercury have such a thin atmosphere, and how does it affect the planet's climate?
3. Explain why a day on Mercury is almost as long as its year.
4. Why is Mercury's lack of moons unusual among planets in our solar system?
5. What was the purpose of NASA's MESSENGER mission, and what did it discover about Mercury?

