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| **Across****3.** the straight-line distance through the center of an object, one side to the other side**9.** a huge region beyond the gas giant planets, made up of different-sized icy chunks of matter**13.** a group of stars in a pattern given a name by people**14.** a large, round object orbiting a star**15.** a mass of ice, rock, and gas orbiting the Sun**16.** the star at the center of the solar system around which all of the solar system objects orbit**17.** a huge sphere of hydrogen and helium gas that radiates heat and light**18.** one of the four planets that are made of gas. These are Jupiter, Saturn, Uransu, and Neptune.**19.** the four small, rocky planets closest to the Sum. These are Mercury, Venus, Earth, and Mars. | **Down****1.** a small, solid object that orbits the Sun**2.** the force of attraction between masses**4.** a push or pull that acts on an object or a system**5.** a round object that orbits the Sun and does not orbit a planet**6.** a scientist who studies objects in the universe, including stars, planets, and moons**7.** an optical instrument that makes distant objects appear closer and larger**8.** a group of seven bright stars in the shape of a dipper**10.** the Sun and the eight planets and other objects that orbit the Sun**11.** anything that has mass and takes up space**12.** the third planet from the Sun |