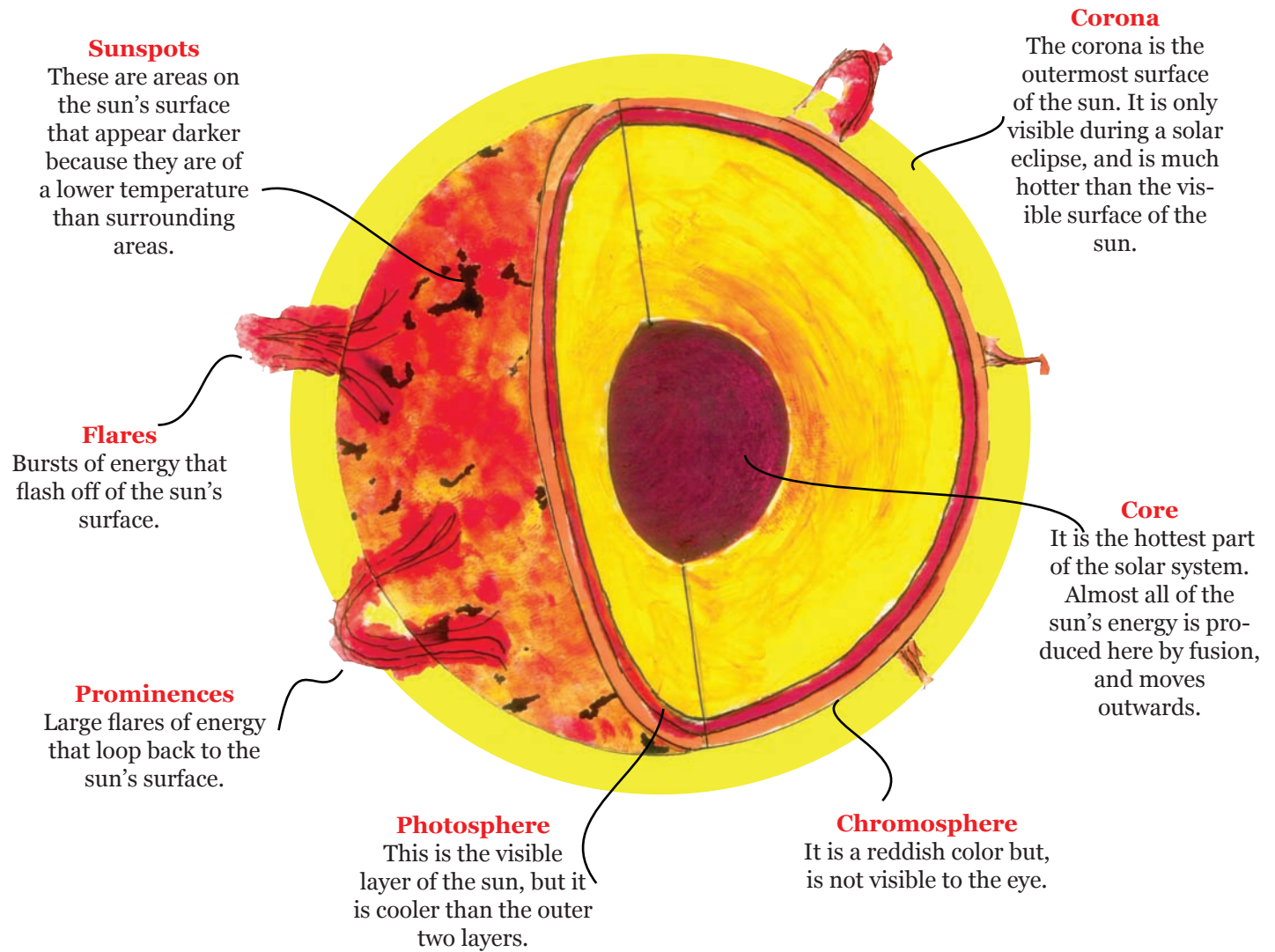


The Sun

The sun is our star. All of the planets in our solar system orbit around it. It is made of very hot gases, mostly hydrogen and helium, that provide the light and heat for our solar system. Answer the questions at the bottom of the page using what you have learned.



Questions

What is the difference between a flare and a prominence?

What part of the sun produces the majority of heat and light?

What two parts of the sun's outer layer are only visible from Earth during a solar eclipse?

Why are sunspots darker than surrounding areas?

What part of the sun do we see from Earth?