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Our Heavenly Bodies



Sun

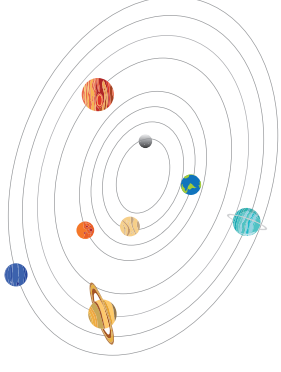
The Sun is the heart of the solar system. It is a dwarf star around which all planets revolve. The sun provides heat and light.



The moon is often referred to as Earth's satellite. Moons orbit around planets in the solar system.

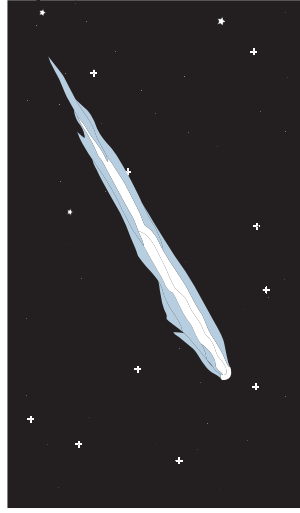


Stars are mostly made of hydrogen and helium, held together by gravity. Stars are the source of energy for life on Earth.



Planets

Planets are celestial bodies moving in elliptical paths around a star. There are eight known planets and five dwarf planets.



Comet

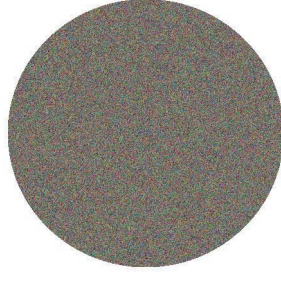
A comet is a small celestial body made up of ice, gas and dust particles that move around in the outer space. It is a bright object with a long tail.



Asteroids are small rocky bodies that orbit the Sun. They are found plentifully in the inner solar system and mostly between Mars and Jupiter.



A meteorite is a piece of rock that has fallen from the solar system. They become meteors when they hit the Earth's surface. They are often called the shooting stars.



Dwarf Planet

A dwarf planet is a celestial body that orbits a star. Ceres, Pluto, Haumea, Makemake and Eris are the officially recognized dwarf planets.

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