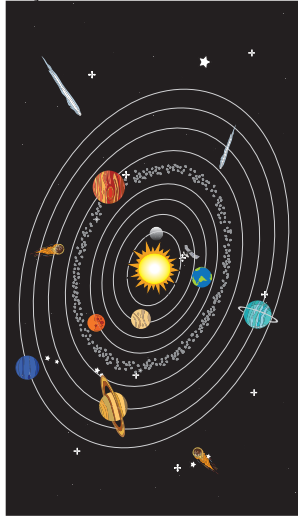


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The Solar System Vocabulary



Solar System

The Sun, planets, satellites, asteroids, meteoroids and comets form the solar system. The solar system is 4.568 billion years old.



A galaxy is a huge collection of stars, dust and billions of planets held together by gravity.



A nebula is a cloud of gas and dust in space. It consists of billions of stars, planets, galaxies, and other celestial objects. It is a source of energy.



Asteroid Belt

An asteroid belt is the circumstellar disc with millions of asteroids in the solar system. It is found between the orbits of Mars and Jupiter.

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Constellation

A group of stars that form imaginary patterns in the night sky. There are 88 official modern constellations of which Hydra is the largest.



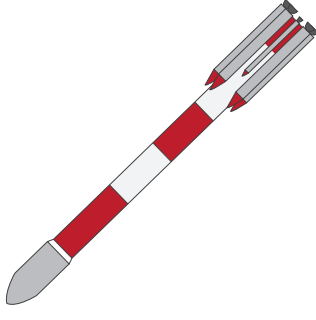
Telescope

A telescope is an optical instrument designed to make distant objects appear nearer. Galileo Galilei built the first astronomical telescope.



Satellite

A satellite is an object that orbits the planets or stars. Man-made satellites are widely used for communication purposes.



Rocket

A rocket is a space vehicle which is used to launch people and objects into space. The first rocket was launched by Germany in 1942.