

Space Vocabulary



asteroid--- a rock or Minor Planet orbiting the Sun



astronaut--- a person trained to travel and work in space

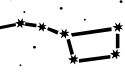


astronomy--- the study of the universe beyond the Earth's atmosphere

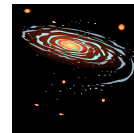
comet--- a small, frozen mass of dust and gas revolving around the sun



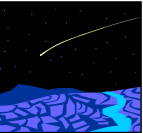
constellation--- a grouping of stars which have been given names by ancient astronomers because of the way they look



galaxy--- a group of stars, gas and dust held together by gravity



meteor--- a shooting star, observed when a particle of dust enters into the Earth's atmosphere



moon--- a huge ball of rock that travels around a planet. Also earth's only natural satellite



planets--- objects moving around a star



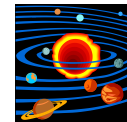
rocket--- a machine used for space travel



satellite--- a small object orbiting a larger one. There are many electronic objects that orbit the Earth



solar system--- the system of planets and other objects orbiting the Sun



space shuttle--- a spacecraft that can be used repeatedly



star--- a self-luminous object that shines through the release of energy produced by nuclear reactions at its core



telescope--- a tool that is used to make far away objects look closer than they are



Sun--- earth's nearest star



Mercury--- the smallest planet in our solar system and the closest one to the Sun



Venus--- a small planet that is second from the Sun



Earth--- the third planet from the Sun; the planet we live on



Mars--- a small reddish planet that is fourth from the Sun



Jupiter--- the largest planet in our solar system and the fifth from the Sun



Saturn--- a planet with large rings around it that is sixth from the Sun



Uranus--- a large blue-green planet that is seventh from the Sun



Neptune--- a large blue planet that is eighth from the Sun

