

Astronomy Terms

Cut out all the boxes. Match one box from the left column with one box from the right column. Glue the matching boxes into your notebook.

Asteroid	<i>Gases that surround a planet</i>
Planet	<i>Cluster of stars (e.g. Milky Way)</i>
Light year	<i>Everything!</i>
Star	<i>Body that orbits the sun and does not make its own light</i>
Solar system	<i>Natural satellite of a planet</i>
Elliptical	<i>Height above the horizon of a star</i>
Spiral	<i>Celestial body that makes its own light by nuclear fusion of hydrogen to helium</i>
Constellation	<i>Egg- or oval-shaped</i>
Period of revolution	<i>Heavenly body composed of rock that orbits the sun between Mars and Jupiter</i>
Period of rotation	<i>Shape of our Milky Way galaxy</i>
Phase	<i>One of the changes through our moon goes</i>
Atmosphere	<i>Distance light travels in one year</i>
Zenith	<i>The time it takes for a planet to orbit a star</i>
Elevation	<i>A mass of rock moving through space</i>
Azimuth	<i>Distance around the horizon of a star</i>
Universe	<i>A mass of rock that strikes the surface of a planet or moon</i>
Comet	<i>The time it takes for a planet to spin once on its own axis</i>
Meteorite	<i>The system of planets that orbit a star</i>
Moon	<i>The path through which the zodiac constellations travel</i>
Meteor	<i>A group of stars that make a pattern in the sky</i>
Galaxy	<i>Body composed of frozen gases and rock particles that has a gaseous tail that points away from sun</i>