

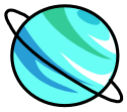
geocentric model

The old idea that Earth is at the centre of everything and the Sun goes around Earth.



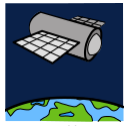
heliocentric model

The idea (which is correct) that the Sun is at the centre and the planets go around the Sun.



dwarf planet

A small planet like object that orbits the Sun but isn't big enough to be a full planet.



satellite

Something that orbits a planet; it can be natural (like the Moon) or man made.




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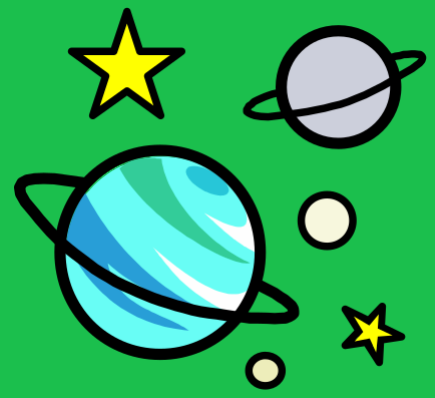
gibbous

When the Moon is mostly lit, but not completely full.

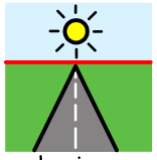


waning

When the Moon looks like it is getting smaller each night.



## Who are the hidden (or not so hidden) figures in space?



horizon

The line where the sky meets the ground or sea.



orbit

The path one object takes as it goes around another object.



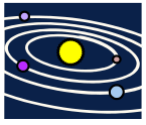
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astronomer

A scientist who studies space, stars, planets, and the universe.



solar system

The Sun and all the planets, moons, and other objects that orbit it.



Polaris

A bright star called the North Star that helps us find the direction north.



axis

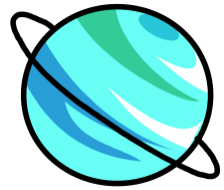
An imaginary line through the middle of a spinning object.

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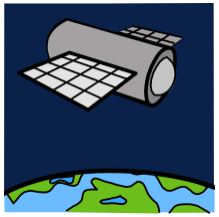
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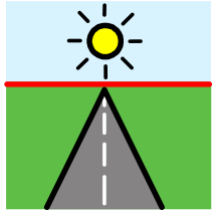

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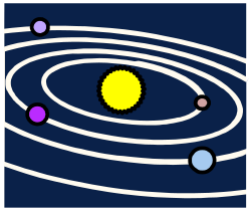
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