

Short glossary of Celestial Bodies



A comet

A ball of ice and dust that orbits the Sun.



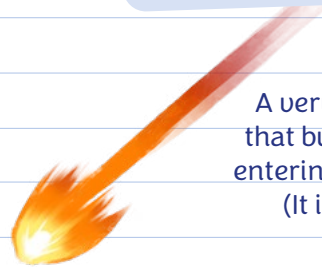
An asteroid

A large rocky or metallic object that orbits the Sun, mostly between Mars and Jupiter.



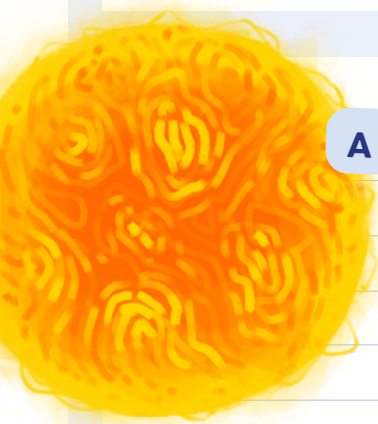
A meteorite

A piece of rock (from an asteroid or a comet) once it is found on the surface of a planet.



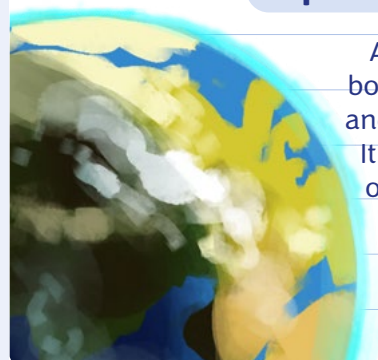
A shooting star

A very small piece of rock that burns up quickly when entering Earth's atmosphere. (It is not really a star.)



A star

A huge, very hot ball of gas that produces its own light (like the Sun).



A planet

A very large celestial body that orbits the Sun and has cleared its orbit. It does not produce its own light but reflects the light of its star.

A moon

A rocky or icy body, of various sizes, that orbits a planet. And yes, there are actually many moons into space!

