

Astronomy Vocabulary Starter 2008-2009

Using the word bank below and your Earth Science Glossary, match the words with their correct definitions.

Altitude	Asteroid	Celestial object	Comet	Constellation	Coriolis Effect
Doppler Effect	Eccentricity	Eclipse	Ellipse	Focus	Foucault Pendulum
Galaxy	Geocentric Model	Heliocentric Model	Local Time	Luminosity	Meteor
Revolution	Rotation	Solar system	Tides	Universe	

	Compared to a dirty snowball. Has a tail when gets too close to the sun.
	Occurs when celestial objects move into another's shadow.
	A group of stars that form a pattern in the sky.
	An apparent change in wavelength caused by a change in distance between two objects.
	A device which provides evidence that the Earth rotates.
	A closed curve around two points.
	Made up of a star and all the objects that revolve around it.
	A solid rocky or metallic object that orbits the sun.
	A deflection of materials caused by Earth's rotation.
	Equal for all locations on the same meridian (line of longitude).
	A large grouping of stars.
	Earth-centered.
	Sun-centered.
	Also called a shooting star.
	The brightness of an object.
	Everything that exists.
	The amount of time to go once around the sun.
	Spinning on an axis.
	Anything outside Earth's atmosphere.
	A fixed point.
	The angular distance of a celestial object above the horizon.
	Out of roundness.
	Rising and falling of the oceans caused by the moon's gravitational attraction to the Earth.