

Earth in Space
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Glossary

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Words you already know

Mercury Venus
Earth Mars Jupiter
Saturn Uranus
Neptune Pluto Sun
Sphere

Planet	A celestial body moving in orbit around a star.
Solar system	The collection of eight planets and their moons in orbit around the sun, together with smaller bodies like asteroids, comets and meteoroids.
Moon	Moons are known as natural satellites: they orbit planets and asteroids in our solar system.
Celestial body	A natural object which is located outside of the Earth's atmosphere.
Rotate	Move in a circle around an axis or centre.
'Dwarf' planet	A celestial body resembling a small planet but lacking technical criteria that would class it as one.
Orbit	The curved path of a celestial object around a star, planet or moon.