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## Science Vocabulary



## Across

1. Large and small rocks or metallic masses orbiting the Sun; made up of materials similar to those that formed the planets
2. A reusable spacecraft designed for travel or operation outside Earth's atmosphere
3. A vehicle for exploring the surface of an extraterrestrial body (such as the Moon and Mars)
4. An engine that provides thrust directly through the burning of its fuel without requiring the intake of air 10. The force that causes objects with mass to attract to one another
5. The gravitationally-curved path of an object around a point in space
6. Composition of outer planets whose atmosphere is made of gases
7. A celestial body of ice, dust, and rock with an elongated and elliptical orbit
8. A small object that enters Earth's atmosphere from space and burns due to friction, emitting light
9. An unmanned spacecraft designed to explore the solar system and transmit data back to Earth
10. To spin on an axis; the spinning of Earth on its axis that causes day and night to occur
11. National Aeronautics and Space Adminstration; the American governmental agency dedicated to space exploration
12. Move in an elliptical path around a center

## Down

2. A large artificial satellite used as a long-term base for manned operations in space.
3. THe region between the inner and outer planets where most asteroids orbit around the Sun
4. Relating to the land
5. The four largest and brightest moons of Jupiter, which were discovered by Galileo Galilei: Ganymede, lo, Callisto, and Europa
6. The whole mass of air surrounding a planet
7. Any of the large celestial bodies that revolve around the Sun in the solar system
