

# JUNIOR ASTRONAUT RECRUITMENT PROGRAM



Complete the activities and worksheets in this packet as part of your training as a first year Jr. ASCAN.

*Years 2 and 3 coming soon!*

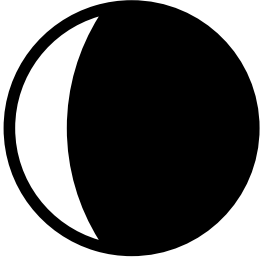
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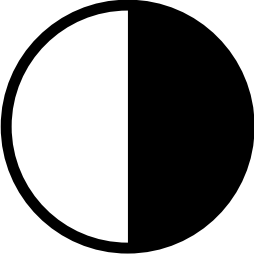
# ASTRONOMY: PHASES OF THE MOON

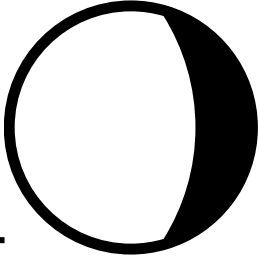
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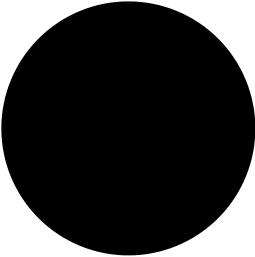


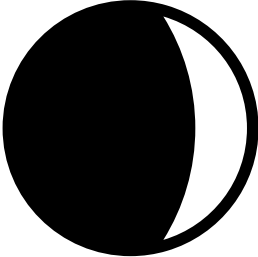
Identify the phases of the moon.

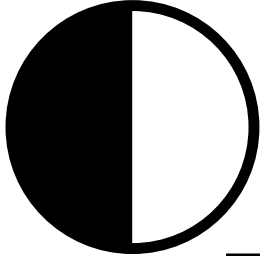
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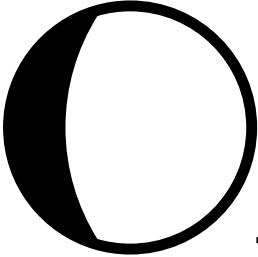
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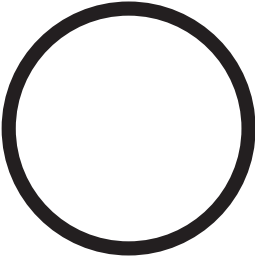
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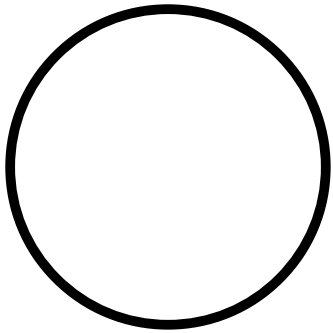
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# ASTRONOMY: SOLAR SYSTEM

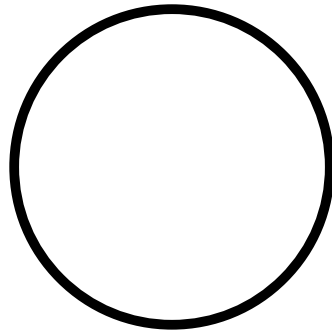
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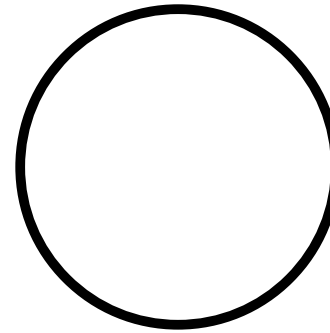
Instructions: Research the planets and color them appropriately, adding any distinguishing features. Add as much detail as possible.  
Note: The planets are not to scale in size compared to each other.



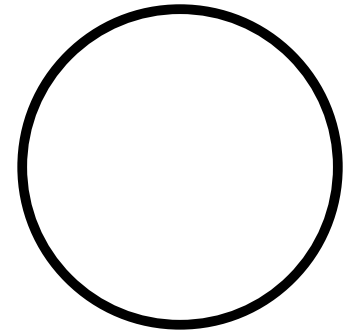
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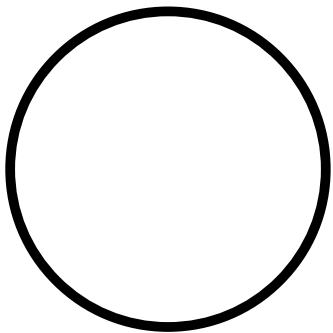
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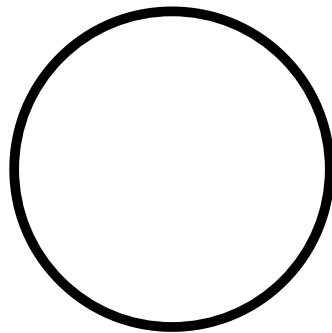
Earth



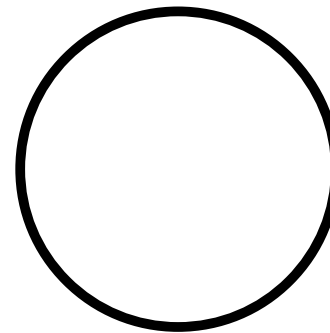
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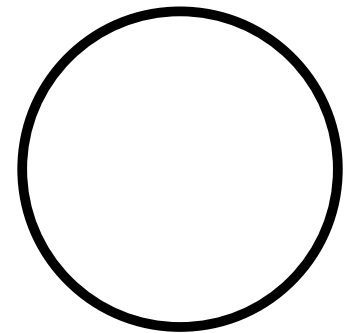
Jupiter



Saturn



Uranus



Neptune

# GEOLOGY: THE STRUCTURE OF THE EARTH

## COMPONENTS OF THE EARTH

Earth consists of three essential parts: the geosphere, the hydrosphere, and the atmosphere.

The geosphere is the solid surface of our planet, including the rocks, mountains, and soil we walk on. It's the foundation beneath our feet.

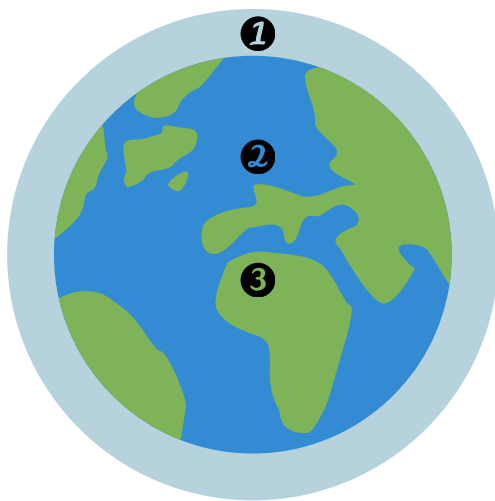
The hydrosphere comprises all the water on Earth, from the vast oceans to the lakes, rivers, and even the water vapor in the air. It's like Earth's water world.

Lastly, the atmosphere is the layer of gases that surrounds Earth. It keeps us warm, lets us breathe, and allows for weather patterns to form.

These three parts work together to make Earth a unique and habitable place for all living things. Understanding them helps us appreciate the wonders of our home planet.

## YOUR TURN!

Match the components of the Earth to their names



Geosphere

Atmosphere

Hydrosphere

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# GEOLOGY: STRUCTURE OF THE EARTH

## LAYERS OF THE EARTH

Earth is made up of several layers: the crust, mantle, outer core, and inner core.

The crust is the outermost layer, like the skin of an apple. It is the dynamic land on which we live, including mountains, canyons, and even the deepest ocean floor.

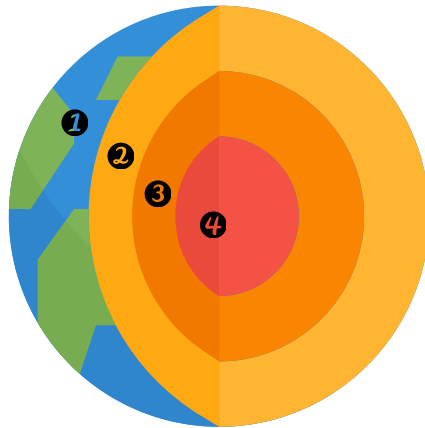
Beneath the crust is the mantle, a semi-solid layer of hot rocks and minerals. The mantle moves slowly over long periods, shaping the Earth's surface and causing earthquakes and volcanoes.

Moving deeper, we find the outer core, made up of thick, hot liquid metals. It generates Earth's magnetic field, acting like a shield to protect us from space particles.

At the very center lies the inner core, a solid ball mostly made of iron and nickel. It's under extreme pressure, and is incredibly hot.

## YOUR TURN!

Match the layers of the Earth to their names



- Mantle
- Crust
- Outer Core
- Inner Core

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# GEOLOGY: EARTH'S CONTINENTS



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An astronaut must be able to recognize countries and continents from space.  
Use the key to color the continents:

North America	<b>red</b>
South America	<b>green</b>
Europe	<b>yellow</b>
Asia	<b>blue</b>
Africa	<b>pink</b>
Australia	<b>orange</b>
Antarctica	<b>purple</b>



# SPACE TRAVEL: VOCABULARY



Define each of these words related to space travel.

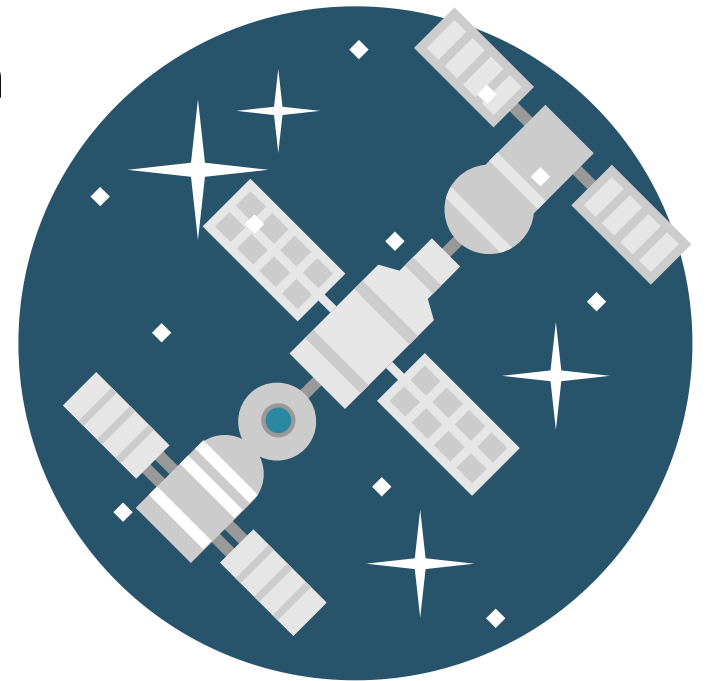
Word	Meaning
rocket	
Space Shuttle	
spacesuit	
launch pad	
countdown	
Lake Tranquility	
engineer	
commander	
mission	

# SPACE CRAFTS



## MARSHMALLOW STATION

Using marshmallows and toothpicks, create a model of a space station. You can use the image for reference or design your own!



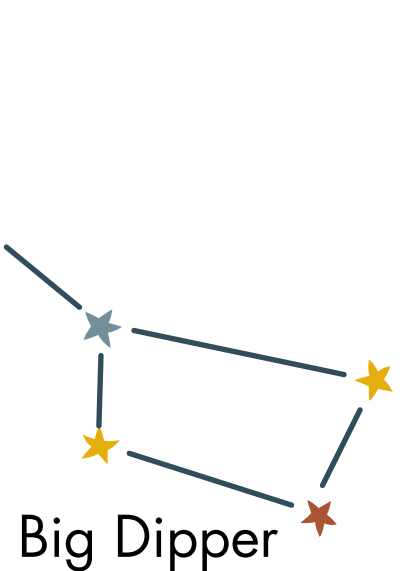
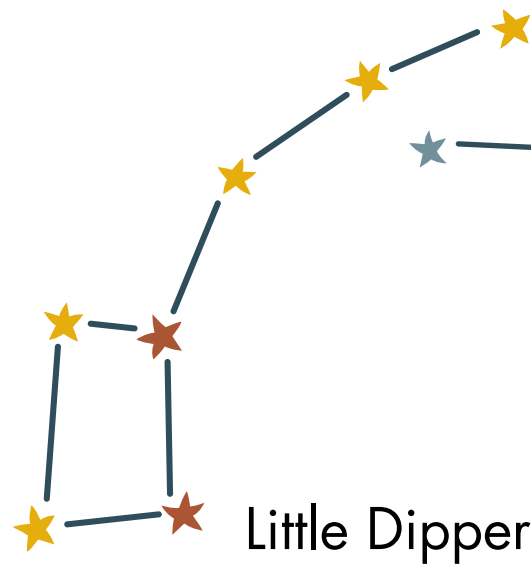
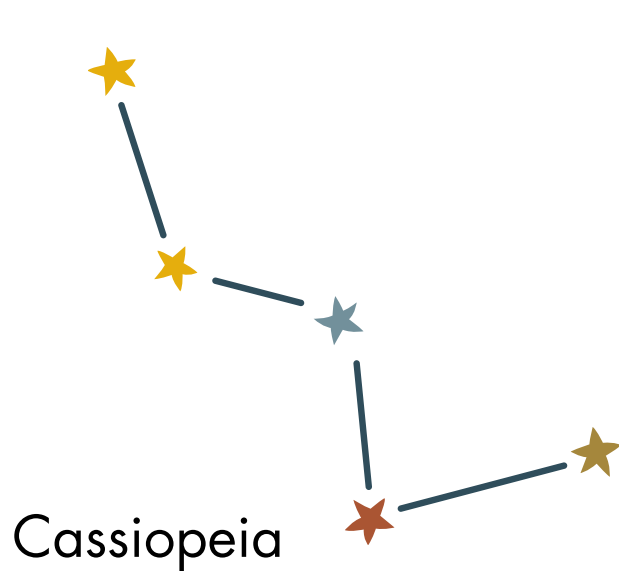


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## BEAD & PIPE CLEANER CONSTELLATIONS

Using the images as a guide, add beads to pipe cleaners in the position of the stars and shape into constellations. What other constellations can you make?





# CERTIFICATE

## OF COMPLETION

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