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Glossary

alien
A creature from another world.

astronaut
A person who uses a spacecraft to travel in space.

constellation
A group of stars that make a pattern in the sky.

crash-land
To suddenly land an aeroplane or spacecraft because of an emergency.

gravity
The force that pulls things to the ground on Earth and other planets.

Martian
Someone or something from the planet Mars.

moon
A natural object that moves around a planet.

moon buggy
A vehicle used by astronauts to explore the Moon.

NASA
The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) is an American organisation that is in charge of the science and technology needed to explore air and space.

outer space
The universe, especially beyond our Solar System.

planet
A large, round object in space that moves around the Sun or another star.

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robot
A machine that can do one or more tasks. Some robots are made to look and act like humans.

rocket
A vehicle or object that is launched into space by a powerful rocket engine.

science fiction
Stories about the science or technology of the future. Science fiction stories are sometimes about space and time travel.

signal
An action or sound that is used to send information.

solar system
A group of planets and moons that move around a star. Our Solar System has eight planets.

space
The universe beyond the Earth.

spacecraft
A vehicle used to travel in space.

specimen
A small amount of something or an object that is collected to be tested.

star
A massive ball of burning gas that gives off light. The Sun is a star.

UFO
An Unidentified Flying Object (UFO) is a strange object seen in the sky that some people think is an alien spacecraft.

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universe

Everything that exists in space.

zero gravity

When the force of gravity is weak and anything that isn't tied down floats.

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