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What are stars?



There are lots of people that thought that satellites were stars, as that's what they looked like in the night sky! Can you describe what it looks like when you see a star? Stars do not actually twinkle! They only look like they do because the light from the star is deflected (changes direction) before it reaches our eyes. Many people think they are wonderful and amazing so sometimes call the people they think are wonderful and amazing a star! Think about how else we might use the word star. Have you ever heard a person being called a star? The word star can be used to describe someone who is famous or incredibly talented e.g. he is a sports star! Have you ever been called a star?

Listen, Think, Share

- Do we know what a star is? Think about when and where you last saw a star.
- Did you know that the sun is a star? Do you have any questions or anything else you would like to find out about stars?
- There are many stories we read and songs we sing that feature stars. Can you think of any? Have you heard of Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star? Can you sing it?

Stars

Stars are huge balls made of gas. They are luminous, meaning they give off light.

- Stars are found in huge groups called galaxies
- There are approximately 200-400 billion stars in our Milky Way galaxy alone
- Stars are usually between 1 and 10 billion years old



Stars in the night sky.

Did you know?

The Sun is a star!
It is the closest
star to Earth.

When stars, that we can see from Earth, group together to create a pattern that may form a shape of an animal, person or object we call it a constellation.

Have you heard of the constellations: Orion, Taurus, Gemini, the Plough?

Next time you look at the stars, see if you can see any shapes!

What else would you like to find out about stars?