

alien

A creature from another world.

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astronaut

A person who uses a spacecraft to travel in space.

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constellation

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

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crash-land

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

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gravity

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

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Martian

Someone or something from the planet Mars.

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moon

A natural object that moves around a planet.

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moon buggy

A vehicle used by astronauts to explore the Moon.

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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.

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outer space

The universe, especially beyond our Solar System.

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planet

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

robot

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

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rocket

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

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science fiction

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

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signal

An action or sound that is used to send information.

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solar system

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

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space

The universe beyond the Earth.

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spacecraft

A vehicle used to travel in space.

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specimen

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

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star

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

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UFO

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

universe

Everything that exists in space.

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zero gravity

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