

**asteroid**1. [ˈæstəɹɔɪd] *n*

1. *асмп.* астероид, малая планета
2. *зоол.* морская звезда (*Asteroidea*)

2. [ˈæstəɹɔɪd] *a*

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**as·ter·oid** [asteroid asteroids] *BrE* [ˈæstəɹɔɪd] <sup>m</sup> *NAmE* [ˈæstəɹɔɪd] <sup>m</sup> **noun**

any one of the many small planets that go around the sun

Word Origin:early 19th cent.: from Greek *asteroeidēs* 'starlike', from *astēr* 'star'.**asteroid**

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**as·te·roid** /ˈæstəɹɔɪd/ *BrE* <sup>m</sup> *AmE* <sup>m</sup> **noun** [countable][Date: 1800-1900; Language: Greek; Origin: *asteroeides* 'like a star', from *aster* 'star']one of the many small ↑**planets** that move around the Sun, especially between Mars and Jupiter

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**THESAURUS**■ **in the sky**

- **star** a large ball of burning gas in space, which can be seen at night as a point of light in the sky: The dark night sky was clear and full of stars.
- **planet** one of the large objects that goes around the sun, for example the Earth, Saturn, Mercury, or Mars: The planet Uranus was discovered in 1781.
- **sun** the star that gives us light and heat, around which the planets move. There are also many millions of other suns in the universe: The sun came out from behind a cloud. | a dying sun
- **moon** the round object that moves around the Earth every 28 days, or a similar object that goes around another planet: The moon rose in the night sky. | Titan is one of the moons of Saturn.
- **asteroid** a mass of rock that moves around the sun. Most **asteroids** are found between Jupiter and Mars: the asteroid belt
- **pulsar** a type of star that is far away in space and produces ↑**radiation** and **RADIO WAVES**
- **quasar** an object like a star that is far away in space and shines extremely brightly
- **supernova** a very large exploding star
- **constellation** a group of stars that forms a particular pattern and has a name: The constellation of Orion is one of the most easily recognizable patterns of stars in the night sky.
- **galaxy** one of the large groups of stars that make up the universe: Astronomers have detected a galaxy 11 billion light years away.
- **the universe** all space, including all the stars and planets: How many planets in the universe have life?

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