[′gæləksi] *n* 1. 1) (Galaxy) *астр.* Млечный путь, Галактика 2) галактика galaxy of galaxies - *астр.* метагалактика 2. плеяда a galaxy of talent - плеяда талантливыхлюдей

galaxy

gal·axy [galaxy galaxies] *BrE* ['gæləksi] *NAmE* ['gæləksi] noun (pl. gal·axies)

1. countable any of the large systems of stars, etc. in outer space

2. the Galaxy (also the ,Milky 'Way) singular the system of stars that contains our sun and its planets, seen as a bright band in the night sky

3. countable (informal) a group of famous people, or people with a particular skill

• a galaxy of Hollywood stars

See also: Milky Way

Word Origin:

late Middle English (originally referring to the Milky Way): via Old French from medieval Latin galaxia, from Greek galaxias (kuklos) 'milky (vault)', from gala, galakt- 'milk'.

Example Bank:

· scientists observing phenomena in nearby galaxies

galaxy

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gal ax y /'gæləksi/ BrE AmE noun (plural galaxies)

[Date: 1300-1400; Language: Late Latin; Origin: galaxias, from Greek, from gala 'milk'; because the Galaxy looks milky white from the Earth]

- 1. [countable] one of the large groups of stars that make up the universe
- 2. the Galaxy the large group of stars which our Sun and its [†]planets belong to
- **3**. [singular] a large number of things that are similar
- galaxy of
 - a galaxy of British artistic talent

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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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