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## Word List

AIRPLANE	A winged vehicle that can fly in the atmosphere using the force of lift.
ASTRONAUT	A person trained to travel in space, usually as part of an exploratory mission.
FLIGHT	The ability to travel in air either by way of a vehicle or through the ability to fly.
GALAXY	A vast number of stars and their neighboring satellites and other materials held together by the force of gravity.
GRAVITY	A universal force between two objects that have mass, which causes the objects to move toward each other.
LAUNCH	The process of sending objects into space, usually by way of a rocket ship.
LUNAR	Having to do with the Moon.
MILKY WAY	The galaxy in which the Earth's sun is located.
MISSION	A specific space exploration with stated goals, timelines, and people to complete it.
MOON	The Earth's satellite. Generally, an object that orbits a planet or asteroid.
ORBIT	The path an object takes when circling another due to the force of gravity.
PLANET	A large spherical object that orbits a star.
ROCKET	A means by which a vehicle is propelled into space.
SATELLITE	An object that orbits another, larger object.
SOLAR SYSTEM	The sun and everything that orbits it.
SPACECRAFT	A vehicle that travels in space.
SPACE SUIT	Specially designed, sealed clothing worn by astronauts to protect them in space.
STAR	A huge, glowing sphere of gas, such as the sun.



