



Consternating Constellations

Q: Pleiades

A: In Greek legend, seven young girls cast into the sky to protect them from the hunter Orion

Heavenly Bodies

Q: Globular Cluster

A: A large group of old stars that is found on the outskirts of the galaxy

That's No Moon (yes it is)

Q: Europa

A: An icy moon of Jupiter, where scientists think life could live in it's oceans

I'm Going to Be a Star!

Q: Polaris

A: The North Star

Incredible Initials

Q: LBTO

A: Large Binocular Telescope Observatory



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Q: Young Men Constellation

A: The Aboriginal name for the three stars of Orion's belt

Heavenly Bodies

Q: Asterism

A: A group of stars that forms a picture, but is typically smaller than a constellation

That's No Moon (yes it is)

Q: Titan

A: The largest moon of Saturn, which was visited by the Cassini-Huygens probe

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Q: The Star That Does Not Walk Around

A: The Pawnee name for the North Star

Incredible Initials

Q: ACBAR

A: Arcminute Cosmology Bolometer Array Receiver



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Q: Krttika

A: The Hindu name for the seven sisters of Pleiades, who were nurses to one of the Gods of Siva

Heavenly Bodies

Q: Cepheid Variable

A: A variable star with a regular cycle of brightness, allowing for accurate measurements of its distance to Earth

That's No Moon (yes it is)

Q: Ganymede

A: The largest moon in the Solar System, even bigger than Mercury!

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Q: Hoku Pa'a

A: The Hawaiian name for the North Star, meaning "stationary star"

Incredible Initials

Q: APT

A: Asia Pacific Telescope



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Q: Oot-kwa-tah

A: The Onodaga Iroquois name for the Pleiades, which they saw as seven children who did not heed warnings to stop dancing, so they floated into the sky

Heavenly Bodies

Q: Nebula

A: A cloud of dust and gas in space

That's No Moon (yes it is)

Q: Triton

A: The largest moon of Neptune, which orbits the "wrong" direction

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Q: Hōkūle'a

A: The Hawaiian "Star of Gladness", said to have led ancient Polynesians to the Hawaiian islands

Incredible Initials

Q: AVOCADO

A: A Virtual Observatory Census to Address Dwarf Origins



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Q: Al Dubb Al Akbar

A: The Arabic name for the Big Dipper, meaning Big Bear

Heavenly Bodies

Q: Supernova

A: A large star that explodes in its death throes

That's No Moon (yes it is)

Q: Oberon

A: A heavily cratered moon of Neptune, named for a character from A Midsummer Night's Dream

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Q: Not-walking star

A: The Apache name for the North Star

Incredible Initials

Q: FIDEL

A: Far Infrared Deep Extragalactic Legacy



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Q: Eight Wise Men

A: The Chumash name for the Pleiades, an indication that this tribe has watched the sky for centuries, as an 8th star was once visible, but no longer is

Heavenly Bodies

Q: Ecliptic

A: The path of the planets, sun and moon in the sky

That's No Moon (yes it is)

Q: Phoebe

A: A non-spherical moon of Saturn, which is likely a captured asteroid

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Q: Eye of the Creator

A: The Pomo tribe name for the North Star

Incredible Initials

Q: IRIS

A: Infra red Imager Spectrograph



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Q: Lakota Hand Constellation

A: The arm of a selfish chief ripped out, and thrown into the sky

Heavenly Bodies

Q: Dark Upper

A: The Navajo name for the night sky

That's No Moon (yes it is)

Q: Amalthea

A: A potato shaped moon of Jupiter, the 5th moon to be discovered

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Q: Sirius

A: Known as the "Dog Star", the brightest star in the sky

Incredible Initials

Q: LEST

A: Large Earth-based Solar Telescope



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Q: Kaguyagat

A: The Inuit name for the Pleiades

Heavenly Bodies

Q: Which Awaits the Dawn

A: The Navajo name for the Milky Way

That's No Moon (yes it is)

Q: Ananke

A: A small moon of Jupiter that orbits in the "wrong" direction

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Q: Deneb

A: From the Arabic word for "tail", this star is part of the summer triangle

Incredible Initials

Q: OHANA

A: Optical Hawaiian Array for Nanoradian Astronomy



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Q: Subaru

A: The Japanese name for the Pleiades

Heavenly Bodies

Q: Ed-thin

A: The Chipewyan name for the Northern Lights, thought to be Caribou skin sparking the sky

That's No Moon (yes it is)

Q: Dactyl

A: The moon of the Asteroid Ida, the first such moon to be discovered

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Q: Antares

A: A bright star in the sky, seen as the "Anti Ares" or "Anti Mars" due to it's red color and similar appearance in the sky

Incredible Initials

Q: PLANET

A: Probing Lensing Anomalies NETWORK



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Q: Twenty Eight Mansions

A: The Chinese constellation representing the stars visible on the ecliptic

Heavenly Bodies

Q: Na fir-chlis

A: An early Scottish name for the Aurora, meaning "merry dancers"

That's No Moon (yes it is)

Q: Enceladus

A: A moon of Saturn that has water and ice volcanoes

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Q: Betelgeuse

A: A old star nearing the end of it's life, it's name is Arabic for "underarm of Orion"

Incredible Initials

Q: RATTs

A: Run Away T Tauri Stars



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Q: Maui's Fishhook

A: The Hawaiian name for Scorpio's Tail, said to be the fishhook of the demi-god Maui

Heavenly Bodies

Q: Selamiut

A: The Inuit name for the Aurora, seen as the souls of people who have died, and dancing animal spirits

That's No Moon (yes it is)

Q: Mimas

A: A moon of Saturn sometimes called the "Death Star Moon" because of it's unique cratering pattern

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Q: Proxima Centauri

A: The nearest star to our Solar System

Incredible Initials

Q: SOHO

A: Solar and Heliospheric Observatory



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Q: Ka Lupe o Kawelo

A: The kite of the chief Kawelo, found in the western constellation of Pegasus

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Q: norðrljós

A: The Norse name for the Aurora, directly translated to "Northern Lights", they believed the lights were the reflections of the armor of the Valkyrie coming for slain soldiers

That's No Moon (yes it is)

Q: Pan

A: A moon of Saturn found inside the rings

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Q: Canopus

A: The second brightest star in the sky, it's name derived from the Egyptian Kanōbos

Incredible Initials

Q: SOONSPOT

A: Solar Observing Optical Network/Solar Patrol On Tape

ASTRO DASH

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Q: Drinking Gourd

A: In early US history, the African American name for the Big Dipper, which led escaped slaves north

Heavenly Bodies

Q: Hermes

A: The name Greeks gave Mercury when it was seen at night

That's No Moon (yes it is)

Q: Phobos and Deimos

A: The moons of Mars, named after the Greek gods of Panic and Dread

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Q: Caster and Pollux

A: The main stars of the constellation Gemini, named for twins in Greek mythology

Incredible Initials

Q: WET

A: Whole Earth Telescope

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Q: Odin's Vagn

A: In Norse astronomy, the wagon of Odin, in the area of the sky we know as Ursa Major

Heavenly Bodies

Q: Oort Cloud

A: Remnants from Solar System formation found in a sphere far outside the orbit of Pluto

That's No Moon (yes it is)

Q: Hyrrokkin

A: A small moon of Saturn, named after a Norse giantess

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Q: T Tauri

A: A variable star, the first such "pulsing" star found

Incredible Initials

Q: ASAS

A: All Sky Automated Survey

ASTRO DASH

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Q: Dintsa la Dikolobe

A: From South Africa, the stars of Orions sword, which represent dogs chasing the pigs of Orions belt

Heavenly Bodies

Q: Apophis

A: Named for the enemy of the Egyptian Sun God Ra, this asteroid makes many near-Earth passes

That's No Moon (yes it is)

Q: Miranda

A: The smallest of Uranus's moon, named for a character in the Tempest

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Q: Cygnus X-1

A: A galactic X ray source that is now known to be a black hole

Incredible Initials

Q: CFHT

A: Canada-France-Hawaii Telescope

ASTRO DASH

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Q: Thutwla

A: In North African astronomy, a giraffe constellation

Heavenly Bodies

Q: Itokawa

A: An asteroid that was visited by the Hayabusa probe, and the first to have material returned back to Earth

That's No Moon (yes it is)

Q: Puck

A: An inner moon of Neptune, named for a mischevious sprite

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Q: Thuban

A: It's name comes from the Arabic word for "snake", this star is also important because it used to be the North Star

Incredible Initials

Q: CME

A: Coronal Mass Ejection



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Q: Celestial Canoe

A: The Alabama Indian name for the Big Dipper

Heavenly Bodies

Q: Themis

A: A large asteroid that was discovered to contain water and organic molecules, providing fuel to the idea that ancient asteroids/comets may have supplied Earth with it's oceans

That's No Moon (yes it is)

Q: Charon

A: The largest moon of Pluto, named for the guardian of the underworld

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Q: Aldebaran

A: A bright star in the constellation Taurus, named "the follower" in Arabic, as it closely follows the Pleiades in the night sky

Incredible Initials

Q: CBR

A: Cosmic Background Radiation



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Q: Where the Dog Ran

A: The Cherokee name for the Milky Way, seen as cornmeal spread by an escaping dog

Heavenly Bodies

Q: Luticia

A: An asteroid named after the Latin name for Paris, which was visited by the Rosetta probe

That's No Moon (yes it is)

Q: Hydra

A: A moon of Pluto, named after the 9 headed monster that battled Hercules

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Q: TRAPPIST-1

A: A star with many exoplanets in it's habitable zone

Incredible Initials

Q: ELT

A: Extremely Large Telescope



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Q: Cassiopeia

A: A Greek constellation depicting a queen on her throne. She spends half the night sideways as punishment for bragging she was more beautiful than Poseidon's favorite nymphs

Heavenly Bodies

Q: Ida

A: The first asteroid discovered with a moon, named Dactyl

That's No Moon (yes it is)

Q: Kerberos

A: A tiny moon of Pluto that is likely a captured Oort cloud object

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Q: PSR B1257+12

A: The star around which the first exoplanets were discovered

Incredible Initials

Q: GMT

A: Giant Magellan Telescope