

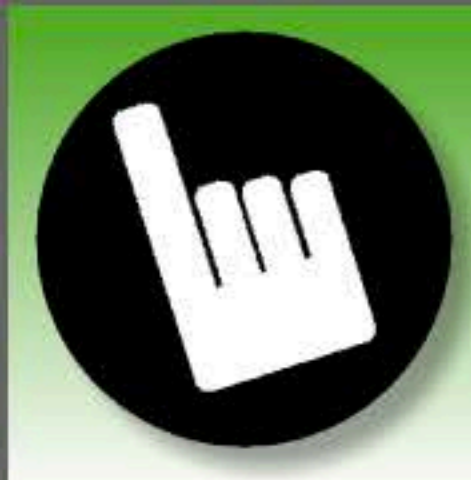


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comet

asteroid

When this object crashes into Earth, it is called a meteorite. It will leave a crater where it lands. Not all objects are made of rock. A _____ is made of dust and ice. The ice melts as it approaches the Sun. The melting ice-ball looks like it leaves a tail behind it as it goes.



In addition to the planets, Sun and moons that make up our solar system, there are a lot of other objects floating around out there. Some of these objects are asteroids, comets and meteors.



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Asteroids are the thousands of rocky lumps that form a circle around the Sun in a big band between Mars and Jupiter. One of the biggest asteroids — **Ceres** — is about 592 miles (952 kilometers) across. Others are as small as a grain of sand. Several hundred thousand asteroids have been identified so far. Asteroids are leftover rocks from the time when the planets were first formed.

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Asteroids, Meteors & Comets

COMET

METEOR

ASTEROID

Size

12.5 miles (20 km) in diameter
with a tail millions of miles
(km) long.



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