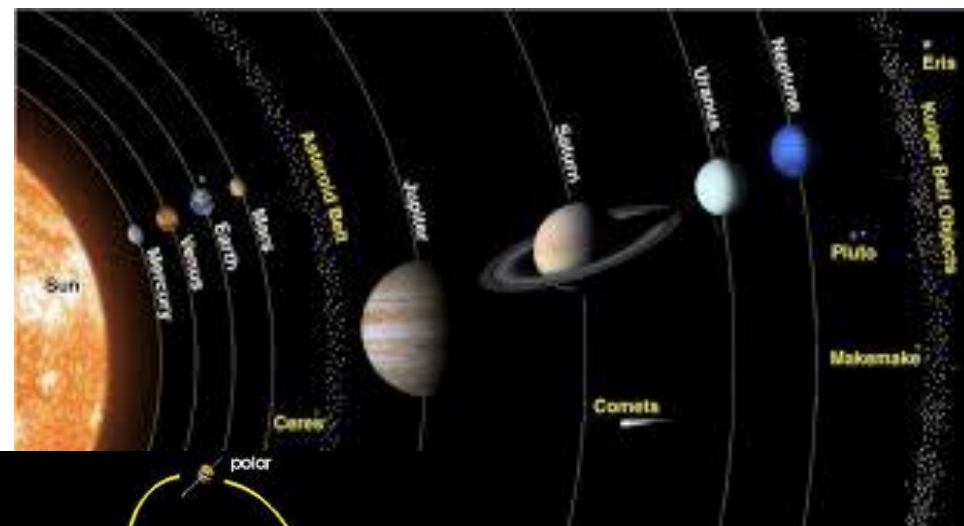




- 1 The geocentric model of the solar system proposed by Ptolemy (an ancient Greek astronomer) puts Earth at the centre of the solar system.
- 2 The heliocentric model of the solar system puts the sun at the centre of the solar system and was first suggested by Copernicus (a Polish astronomer)
- 3 The heliocentric model of the solar system is also supported by Jupiter's moons orbiting the planet Jupiter, discovered by Gallileo (an Italian astronomer).
- 4 The planets that make up our Solar system are Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus and Neptune.
- 5 Mercury is the planet closest to the sun in our Solar system.
- 6 Neptune is the planet furthest from the sun in our Solar system.
- 7 Our Solar system also contains dwarf planets, asteroids and comets.
- 8 Today telescopes in orbit around the Earth give much clearer images than telescopes on the ground because they are outside of the Earth's atmosphere.
- 9 Different types of telescope are used to detect different types of electromagnetic waves.
- 10 Your weight is the force of gravity acting on you,  $W = m \times g$ , where  $g$  is the gravitational field strength on the surface of a body or object such as Earth.
- 11 The planets moons and other bodies in our solar system have different gravitational field strength.
- 12 A satellite is an object that orbits another. Satellites can be natural (like the moon) or artificial (like the international space station).
- 13 Artificial satellites have different uses depending on their orbits.
- 14 Highly elliptical orbiting satellites are used for communication in parts of the Earth near the poles.



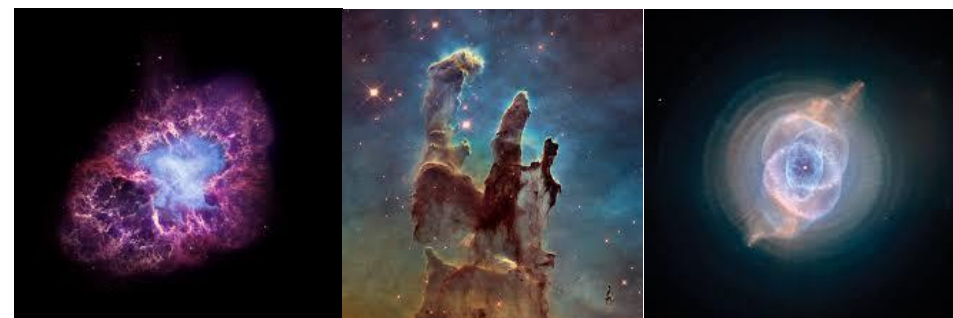
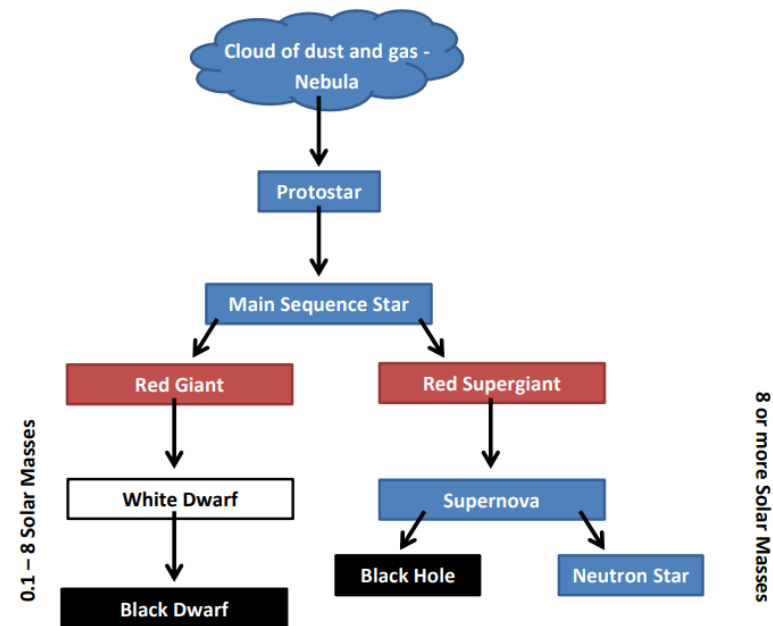
$$W = m \times g$$

Weight (N) = Mass (kg)  $\times$  Gravitational field strength (N / kg)

- 15 A geostationary orbit means that the satellite remains over the same point on the Earth.
- 16 Geostationary satellites are used for broadcasting and move at 3070 m/s
- 17 Satellites in low Earth orbits need to move at much greater velocity to overcome the increased pull of the Earth's gravitational field. These satellites move at around 7500 m/s
- 18 A satellite in polar orbit will eventually pass over all parts of the Earth.



- 1 Stars begin life as a nebula. This is a cloud of dust and gas (75% hydrogen).
- 2 In the nebula it becomes more hot and dense as it's gravitational pull increases and it attracts more mass. It then becomes a protostar.
- 3 When the temperature and pressure in the centre of the protostar become high enough they force hydrogen nuclei together to form helium. This is known as a fusion reaction.
- 4 When the outward pressure from the hot gas is balanced by the inward pull of gravity the star is now a main sequence star and is stable.
- 5 Stars spend most of their life in the main sequence stage. Nuclear fusion is constantly taking place.
- 6 The next stage of a stars life depends on the mass of the star.
- 7 A star that is a similar size to our sun will then become a red giant and eventually a white dwarf.
- 8 In a red giant the core of the star is not hot enough to withstand gravity and it collapses, this causes the outer layers to expand.
- 9 The red giant eventually throws off a shell of gas and the rest of the star is pulled together and collapses to form a white dwarf.
- 10 No fusion reaction happen in a white dwarf.
- 11 A white dwarf gradually cools to become a black dwarf.
- 12 Stars that are more massive than our sun follow a different path after their main sequence.
- 13 After their main sequence, more massive stars become red supergiants.
- 14 After he red supergiant stage the star collapses and then explodes in a supernova where the outer layers of the supergiant are cast off and expand outwards.
- 15 What happens after the supernova also depends on the mass of the star.



- 16 Only the most massive stars then go on to become a black hole where the gravitational pull is so strong that not even light can escape.
- 17 Those supernova that are not massive enough to become a black hole form a small, very dense star called a neutron star.



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The Doppler effect is a change in the pitch of a sound wave due to the source of the sound moving.

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As the sound travels towards you the waves are compressed which produces a shorter wavelength.

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Shorter wavelength = higher frequency and with sound a higher frequency produces a higher pitch noise.

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As the sound travels away from you the waves are stretched which produces a longer wavelength.

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Longer wavelength = lower frequency and with sound a lower frequency produces a lower pitch noise.

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The same effect happens to visible light from distant galaxies. This effect is called red-shift.

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If the light is moving towards us the waves are compressed and we see a shift in the visible light to the blue end of the spectrum.

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If the light is moving away from us the waves are stretched and we see a shift in the visible light to the red end of the spectrum.

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Redshift can be seen on absorption spectra where black lines represent the shift in visible light.

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The further away a galaxy is, the greater its red-shift and so the faster it is moving away from us.

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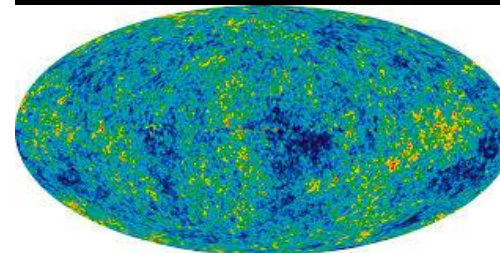
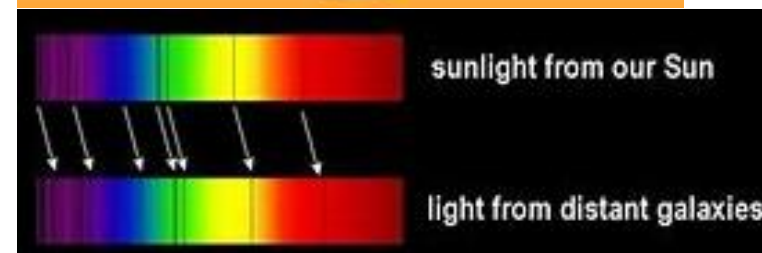
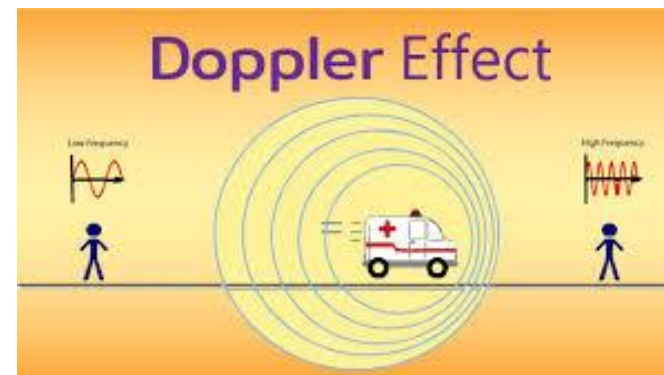
Red shift provides evidence that the universe is expanding and supports both the Big Bang theory and the Steady State theory

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The Big Bang theory states that universe started out as a tiny point of concentrated energy 13.8 billion years ago, that it expanded from this point and that it is still expanding.

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Steady State theory states that the universe has always existed and is expanded and that new matter is continuously created as it expands so density remains the same.



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CMBR stands for cosmic microwave background radiation. You may sometimes see it shortened to just CMB.

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CMBR is the remaining radiation released in the Big Bang.

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CMBR provides evidence for the Big Bang theory only and cannot be explained by Steady State theory.

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Because there is more evidence supporting the Big Bang theory, this is accepted as our current theory of how the universe began.