

objects5. a body in outer space, made of hot gases, that

shines in the night sky

- 7. a scientist who studies planets, stars, galaxies, and other objects in space
- **10.** any planet that exists outside the solar system

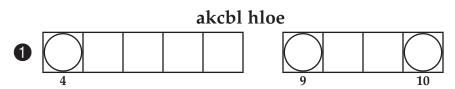
- **2.** a measure of the amount of radiating or reflected light coming off a star or other celestial object; brightness
- 3. an instrument used to make distant objects look closer
- **4.** the death explosion of a massive star, resulting in a sharp increase in brightness followed by a gradual fading
- **6.** a large collection of planets, gas, dust, and millions or billions of stars, bound together by gravity
- 8. to revolve around another object
- **9.** a region or cloud of interstellar dust and gas appearing as a bright or dark patch



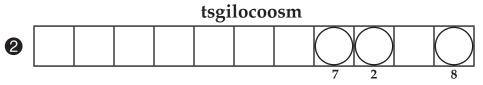
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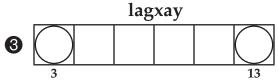
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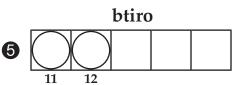
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Riddle: Why did the students wear earplugs in science class?

Answer: The teacher was explaining the



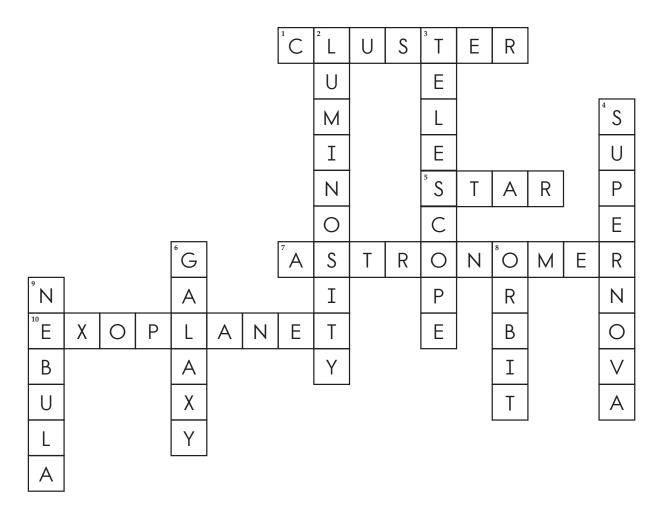
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Directions: Match each term on the left with its definition on the right. Write the letter of the correct definition on the space in front of the term.

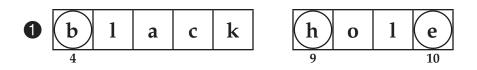
1astronomer	A. a region of space with a gravitational field so intense that nothing can escape it
2. big bang theory	B. a close group of similar objects
3black hole	C. a large collection of planets, gas, dust, and millions or billions of stars, bound together by gravity
4 cluster	D. a theory that suggests that the universe began from a single, enormous explosion and is still expanding
5 cosmologist	E. the open areas between solid bodies in the universe beyond the solar system
6. deep space	F. an instrument used to make distant objects look closer
7. galaxy	G. a scientist who studies planets, stars, galaxies, and other objects in space
8light-year	H. a unit of distance in astronomy equal to the distance that light travels in one year
9 solar system	I. a star and the celestial bodies that revolve around it; a planetary system
10. telescope	J. a scientist who studies the origin and structure of the universe

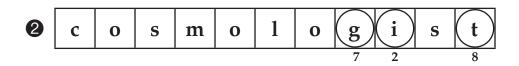


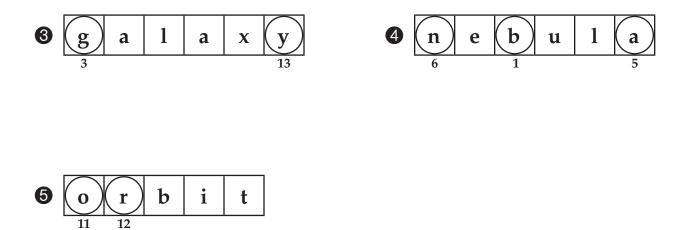
Crossword Answer Sheet











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Matching Answer Sheet

- 1. <u>G</u>astronomer
- 2. _____ big bang theory
- 3. <u>A</u> black hole
- 4. <u>B</u> cluster
- 5. <u>J</u> cosmologist
- 7. <u>C</u>galaxy
- 8. <u>H</u>light-year
- 9. <u>I</u> solar system

10. <u>F</u> telescope