

Constellation Legends

What is a constellation?

A constellation is a group of stars that has been given a name - usually that of a person, an object, or an animal.

Did you know?

Today, in the Western world, there are 88 recognised constellations, named by the ancient Greeks. However, different cultures have had other names for the constellations based on their own legends.



This constellation is known as Orion the hunter.

Before compasses (and sat-navs!) were invented, people used to navigate using the stars. NASA astronauts are still trained to do this if their modern systems fail. Many migratory birds also find their way by using the stars.

Can you find out the names of some other constellations and learn the legends behind them?

Draw a constellation of your own here (or copy a real one) and make up your own legend about it:



My constellation is called: