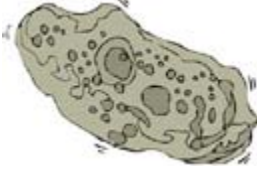




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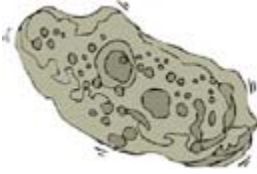


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Asteroid, Comet, or Meteor?

Place an "X" in the appropriate boxes to indicate characteristics of asteroids, comets, and meteors.

| | Asteroid  | Comet  | Meteor  |
|---|--|--|--|
| appears as a streak in the sky | | | |
| frozen ball of dust | | | |
| is visible in our sky | | | |
| made up of rock | | | |
| orbits the Sun | | | |
| orbits between Jupiter and Mars | | | |
| often called "Shooting Stars" | | | |
| usually burns up the Earth's atmosphere | | | |

Answer Key

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|---|---|--|---|
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| made up of rock | X | | X |
| orbits the Sun | X | X | |
| orbits between Jupiter and Mars | X | | |
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| usually burns up the Earth's atmosphere | | | X |