

Activity 2

CONSTELLATION STORIES

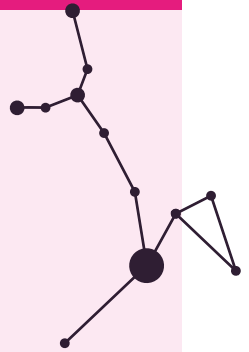


Now that we've made our telescopes, let's have a look at some constellations.

Do you know what a constellation is? A very long time ago, the Ancient Greeks noticed that they could make patterns with the stars in the sky – these are called constellations. The Greeks even made up stories about them!

DID YOU KNOW?

There are 88 recognised constellations visible from Earth. Many of the stories around these constellations appear within Greek myths, such as Perseus and Medusa.



YOUR CHALLENGE

📷 DON'T FORGET TO TAKE PICTURES!

1 RESEARCH

Find out as much as you can about constellations. What ones can we see from Earth, what shapes are they, what stories are there about them, how have people used them (for example in navigation)?



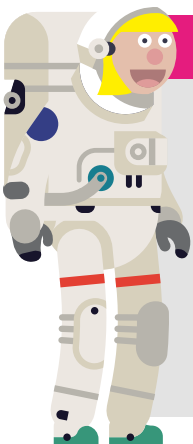
2 IDENTIFY

Select your favourite constellation and try to draw its shape. Can you also draw the object, person or animal it represents?



3 DESIGN

Create your very own constellation! Ask a grown-up to poke 20 to 30 holes into a piece of paper and hold it up to the light. Now try to see what constellations you can draw using the points of light. Can you write a story around your constellation?



EMILY'S TOP TIPS

There are many apps which you can download to help you find constellations in the night sky.

