

**constellation**[ˌkɒnstɪˈleɪʃ(ə)n] *n*

1. *астр.* созвездие
2. плеяда  
constellation of genius - плеяда гениальных личностей
3. *психол.* комплекс эмоционально окрашенных представлений (*преим. подавленных*)

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Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**con·stel·la·tion** [constellation constellations] *BrE* [ˌkɒnstəˈleɪʃn] *NAme*[ˌkɑːnstəˈleɪʃn] *noun*

1. a group of stars that forms a shape in the sky and has a name
  - The Little Bear constellation is still used by navigators at sea.
2. (formal) a group of related ideas, things or people
  - a constellation of Hollywood talent

Word Origin:

Middle English (as an astrological term denoting the relative positions of the “stars” (planets), supposed to influence events): via Old French from late Latin *constellatio(n)-*, based on Latin *stella* ‘star’.

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**con·stel·la·tion** /ˌkɒnstəˈleɪʃən \$ ˌkɑːn- *BrE* *AmE* *noun* [countable][Date: 1300-1400; Language: Old French; Origin: Late Latin *constellatio*, from Latin *com-* (⇒ *COM-*) + *stella* ‘star’]

1. a group of stars that forms a particular pattern and has a name:
  - a star in the constellation of Orion
2. a constellation of something *literary* a group of people or things that are similar:
  - a constellation of ideas
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**THESAURUS**■ **in the sky**

- **star** a large ball of burning gas in space, which can be seen at night as a point of light in the sky: The dark night sky was clear and full of stars.
- **planet** one of the large objects that goes around the sun, for example the Earth, Saturn, Mercury, or Mars: The planet Uranus was discovered in 1781.
- **sun** the star that gives us light and heat, around which the planets move. There are also many millions of other suns in the universe: The sun came out from behind a cloud. | a dying sun
- **moon** the round object that moves around the Earth every 28 days, or a similar object that goes around another planet: The moon rose in the night sky. | Titan is one of the moons of Saturn.
- **asteroid** a mass of rock that moves around the sun. Most **asteroids** are found between Jupiter and Mars: the asteroid belt
- **pulsar** a type of star that is far away in space and produces ↑radiation and RADIO WAVES
- **quasar** an object like a star that is far away in space and shines extremely brightly
- **supernova** a very large exploding star
- **constellation** a group of stars that forms a particular pattern and has a name: The constellation of Orion is one of the most easily recognizable patterns of stars in the night sky.
- **galaxy** one of the large groups of stars that make up the universe: Astronomers have detected a galaxy 11 billion light years away.
- **the universe** all space, including all the stars and planets: How many planets in the universe have life?

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