

supernova**super·nova** [**supernova supernovae**] *BrE* [ˌsuːpəˈnɒvə] *BrE* [ˌsjuːnəˈnɒvə]*NAmE* [ˌsuːpərˈnɒvə] **noun** (pl. **super·novae** *BrE* [ˌsuːpəˈnɒvɪ]; [ˌsjuːpəˈnɒvɪ]; *NAmE* [ˌsuːpərˈnɒvɪ] or**super·novas**) (**astronomy**)

a star that suddenly becomes much brighter because it is exploding

compare ↑**nova****supernova**

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super·no·va /ˌsuːpəˈnɒvə-*per*ˈnɒv-/ *BrE* ^ˈ *AmE* ^ˈ **noun** (plural **supernovae** or**supernovas**) [**countable**]

a very large exploding star

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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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