



Stars and Stripes Forever

These words will shine like stars in your next conversation! They come from the Greek and Latin roots for "star"—*astr* and *stell*. For each definition on the banners below, write the correct star word. Check your answers with a dictionary.

astronomy
asteroid
constellation
stelliform
astrodome

astrologer
stellar
aster
asterisk
disaster

a. _____
a fall flower shaped like a star

b. _____
a group of stars

c. _____
like a star; most important

d. _____
science which studies stars and their movements

e. _____
clear dome of an aircraft for viewing the stars and sky

f. _____
event that occurs under the influence of a negative star; a calamity

g. _____
star-shaped

h. _____
a starlike body in space; a small planet

i. _____
a star used in printing to refer to a margin note

j. _____
person who examines the stars' influence on people

It takes practice for stars to shine their brightest! On the back of your paper, use each vocabulary word in an original sentence of seven words or more.

Twinkle, Twinkle



For more than 250 years, Mother Goose rhymes have made bedtime more fun for little children. Here are some wacky new versions of old favorites. Fill in the missing star vocabulary words.

1. Twinkle, twinkle, _____
Airplane part of glass and chrome.
2. Stars so light, stars so bright,
First _____ I see tonight.
3. A-ticket, a-tasket,
An _____ in my trash basket.
I planned a footnote for the page,
But when I wrote, I dropped it.
4. Lavender's blue, dilly-dilly,
_____ are yellow.
When I am Queen, dilly-dilly,
You'll be my fellow.
5. Old King Cole was a merry old soul,
And a merry old soul was he.
He called for his 'scope for he had great hope
Of studying _____.
6. Jack and Jill ran down a hill,
Then started running faster.
Jill grew ill and took a spill.
The day was a _____!
7. _____ are falling down,
Falling down, falling down.
From outer space right on our town,
My scared lady.
8. Rub-a-dub-dub, three men in a tub,
And what _____ fellows
they be!
The butcher, the baker, the candlestick maker,
They made tonight's news on TV!
9. Three little kittens, they lost their mittens,
So they visited an _____.
She consulted the stars, found the mittens in jars.
How gladly those kittens did purr!
10. Patty cake, patty cake, baker's man,
Bake a _____ cake as fast as you can.
Ice it silver white and hang it in the sky,
For Mother Goose to nibble on as she flies by.

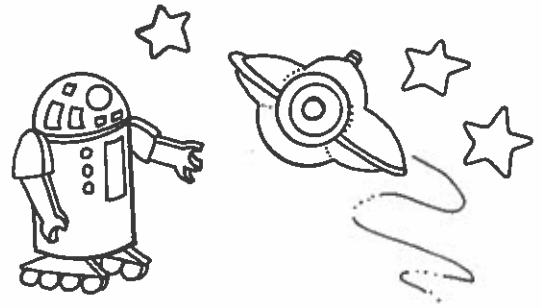


Now try your hand at rhyme-writing. Choose any three of this week's vocabulary words and create some up-to-the-minute Mother Goose!



Now Playing: Starstomp

Following in the footsteps of Gene Roddenberry and George Lucas, creators of *Star Trek* and *Star Wars*, you're out to make the next blockbuster space movie, *Starstomp*. Answer the questions below to help you with your movie plans. Then write a brief summary of the plot in the space provided. Make certain you include all ten vocabulary words — and may the stars be with you!



1. The setting of *Starstomp* is an experimental colony on an asteroid at the edge of the galaxy. Create a name for the asteroid and tell why the action must take place there.

2. Homes in the colony are stelliform, with strange purple-green asters growing everywhere. Explain. _____

3. Approaching the asteroid, the hero of the movie, a starship captain, witnesses a disaster in the corner of the astrodome. Explain. _____

4. A new constellation is formed because of the disaster. Its creation calls into question the very foundations of astronomy. Why? _____

5. One of the key characters is an astrologer named Asterisk. How will she figure in the plot? Why is her name significant? _____

6. What stellar actors will attract viewers to your picture? _____

Now write your plot here: _____

