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Category **Astronomical Objects**

Sirius

The brightest star in the entire night sky as seen from Earth, located in the Southern Constellation Canis Major

Andromeda

Closest galaxy to the Milky Way

Orion

It is a constellation visible throughout the world and one of the most recognizable constellations in the night sky

Titan

The largest of Saturn's satellites and the second largest in the Solar System after Ganymede. Also the only known satellite to have a significant atmosphere, and the only object, apart from Earth, in which clear evidence of stable liquid bodies on the surface has been found

Antares

The brightest star in the constellation of Scorpio

**Heike
(Japanese)**

Star in the constellation of Orion

Hydra

The largest constellation of the 88 that exist

Alpha Centauri

Closest star system to the Sun

Cassiopeia

Constellation easily recognizable by its five bright stars that form a familiar "M" or "W" pattern pointing North

Halley

Large, bright comet that orbits the Sun every 75 years on average

Juno

One of the largest asteroids in the main asteroid belt of our Solar System. Observed by ALMA

Aldebaran

Brightest star in the constellation of Taurus

Io

The Galilean satellite closest to Jupiter

**Cruz del Sur
(Spanish)**

Constellation of the Southern Hemisphere composed of two crossed crossbars

Mimosa

It is the second brightest star in the constellation of the Southern Cross

**La Luna
(Spanish)**

The only natural satellite of the Earth and the fifth largest in the Solar System

Acrux

Brightest star in the Southern Cross

Rigel

Blue supergiant star in the constellation Orion; star system of at least four stars that appear as a single point of blue-white light to the naked eye

Perseus

Northern constellation representing a mythological hero. In it is the famous variable Algol (β Persei), where the Perseid meteor shower is located

Vega

Main star of the constellation of Lyra, widely studied and classified as the most important star after the Sun

**Nubes de Magallanes
(Spanish)**

Two galaxies visible from the Southern Hemisphere

Lyra

Constellation easily identifiable by its star Vega

**Murikabushi
(Japanese)**

The Pleiades or the Seven Sisters, according to the name given in the Yaeyama Islands of Japan

Proxima Centauri

The nearest-known star to the Sun

Imai

Star of the Southern Cross

**Amanogawa
(Japanese)**

Our host galaxy

Orochi

Very bright and rare galaxy since it is forming new stars at a rate of more than 1000 stars per year

Sol (Spanish)

Star that is in the center of the Solar System, with a mass composed mainly of hydrogen and helium. The energy radiated by the Sun is key to life on Earth

Venus

Second planet in the Solar System in order of proximity to the Sun. It lacks natural satellites and receives its name in honor of the Roman goddess of love

Pluto

ALMA measured Pluto's location and orbit around the Sun with great precision in order to help NASA's New Horizons spacecraft reach its goal before approaching that dwarf planet in 2015

Jupiter

It is the largest (gaseous) planet in the Solar System and the fifth in order of distance from the Sun

**Karasukiboshi
(Japanese)**

It is the alignment of the three bright stars Alnitak, Alnilam and Mintaka

Europa

Sixth natural satellite of Jupiter



Haalar

Star

Ckepi

Eye

Ckamur

Moon

Ckapin

Sun

Ckaickai

Ear, because the antennas
"listen" to the Universe

Ack'cka'ya

"I am", is the essence of
everything that exists,
and what is yet to be
discovered, but still exists.

Atán

Night

Bitchackma

Trip

Ckausama

Life

Ckeltchar

Truth

Ckoi

Voice (In the sense of
hearing the voice from
space)

Ckoitchi

Rainbow

Ckontor

Condor, national symbol of
the Andean countries

Haabu

Breathing; ALMA can
capture the "breath"
of the stars

Hai'may'tier

To learn, to know or to
understand

Hicka

Signal

Kala

Yellow, the color of the Sun
here on Earth

Laipintur

To look

Lalackama

Aurora

Lalcktchir

Lights

Lickan

Town

Mitchi

Feline (cougar-cat)

Muckar

Death, because life and
death of planets and stars
coexist

Pattahoyri

Mother Earth

Puri

Water

Sairi

Rain

Selti

Blue

Semann

Together

Taipu

Tomorrow

Tchitack

Heart, ALMA looks into the
heart of the Universe

Ttulti

Night

Turi

House

Tuckur

Owl, who represents
observation at night
and wisdom