

Galaxies

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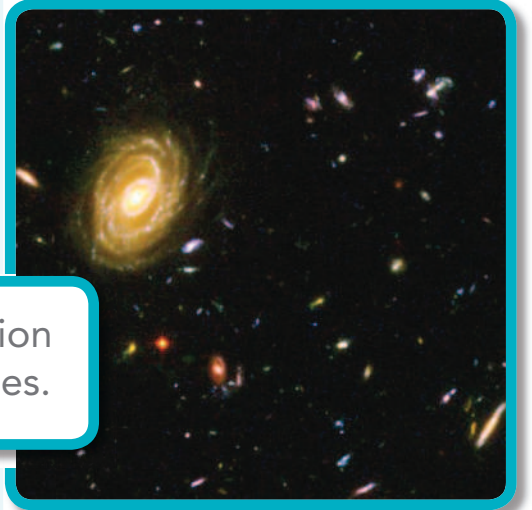
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A galaxy is a collection of lots of stars. Small galaxies might have around 10 million stars, and large galaxies could have trillions of stars.

The Universe probably contains over 100 billion galaxies – that's over 100,000,000,000 galaxies.

Our galaxy is called 'The Milky Way'.

Galaxies are often found grouped together in 'clusters' of 50 -1000 galaxies.



A spiral galaxy looks like this.



An elliptical galaxy looks like this.



Sometimes galaxies collide and merge to form a bigger galaxy.



Galaxies which look blue in colour have lots of young stars in them.

Galaxies with old stars in them look red in colour.