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A comet in Moominland



...calls for a chance to explore space!

Moomintroll and Sniff set off on an adventure to find out more about that star that “has lost its senses and hurtles around the universe with a fiery tail behind it.” But is that really what a comet is?

Test your knowledge of space and its phenomena!

1. What is a comet?

- A) A star wandering about.
- B) A tiny planet.
- C) An icy space chunk.

2. What is a comet's tail made of?

- A) Flames.
- B) Dust and gas.
- C) Hair.

3. Where are comets heading?

- A) They orbit the Sun along their own path.
- B) Wherever they fancy.
- C) Towards Earth.

4. What colour does space have?

- A) Blue.
- B) Black.
- C) It has no colour.

5. Why are observatories built at high altitudes?

- A) Because the air is thinner and drier there.
- B) To be closer to the stars.
- C) So that professors can be left in peace.

6. When you hear about comets and space, do you

- A) feel a bit scared?
- B) feel curious to learn more?
- C) want to go dancing instead?



CORRECT ANSWERS

1. C) A comet is an icy lump of material left over from when the planets were formed.
2. B) The comet's tail is made of dust and gas.
3. A) Comets orbit the Sun along their own paths.
4. C) Space has no colour. It is transparent, just like our atmosphere.
5. A) Observatories are built at high altitudes because the air is thinner and drier there, and then you can look better into space. What's more, there is often less light pollution.
6. B) Yes, it's easy to feel a bit scared of the unknown, just like Sniff. B) You're as curious as Moomintroll! C) Snorkmaiden also chooses to dance whilst everyone else is worrying about the comet.



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