

Star gazing

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From early times people have been mesmerized by the beauty of the night sky. In modern times we are equally enthralled by images shown by telescopes. Any of us can spot the planet Venus or the North Star, Polaris, gleaming brightly. Our brightest star is Sirius, part of Canis Major, a constellation catalogued by Ptolemy in the second century, though important to people long before then. You can trace the paths of these stars, constellations, planets, and even a comet, in the puzzle below displayed forward, backward, horizontally, vertically, and diagonally.



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 E A N J E S W A P B S E R A T N A G
 G Q S G S M Q U I L T T N Y U N R S
 I U C E R U O G B I U O V T D S T U
 R A I A I I D C P Q R T P R N N M I
 U R C L U I D U S T V E O I A I W R
 A I A X P R J Z H Y N M R R L M O A
 A U R P A T O E C B E U G K N J R T
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 O R U L J N E U A T I W L M E N O I
 N T O A C A I P N B A H S A X N N G
 I J G R L R M E O Y O I J A H Y U A
 M A O I I W C A J I N R U K T L Q S
 A S L S R A M K S A S M E R C U R Y
 S O U T H E R N C R O S S A A U R Y
 R F J P A G T A U R U S A Y L N P N
 U D L F G I J S U I P R O C S I U B
 H A A U R O R A A U S T R A L I S S

ALPHA CENTAURI NEPTUNE
 ALTAIR NORTHERN CROSS
 ANDROMEDA ORION
 ANTARES PLUTO
 AQUARIUS POLARIS
 AQUILA RIGEL
 ARIES SAGITTARIUS
 AURORA AUSTRALIS SATURN
 AURORA BOREALIS SCORPIUS
 BIG DIPPER SIRIUS
 CANIS MAJOR SOUTHERN CROSS
 CASSIOPEIA TAURUS
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