

Chapter 25 Beyond Our Solar System

Section 25.3 The Universe

This section describes the Milky Way galaxy and types of galaxies. It also explains how we know the universe is expanding, how the universe probably began, and how it might end.

Reading Strategy

As you read, complete the outline of the most important ideas in this section. For more information on this Reading Strategy, see the **Reading and Study Skills** in the **Skills and Reference Handbook** at the end of your textbook.

<p>I. The Universe</p> <p>A. Milky Way Galaxy</p> <p>1. _____</p> <p>2. _____</p> <p>B. _____</p> <p>1. Spiral Galaxy _____</p> <p>2. Elliptical Galaxy _____</p> <p>3. _____</p> <p>4. _____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p> <p>_____</p>
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1. A(n) _____ is a large group of stars, dust, and gases held together by gravity.

The Milky Way Galaxy

2. Why is it difficult to study the Milky Way Galaxy, using optical telescopes?

3. Circle the letter of the type of galaxy that the Milky Way is.

a. spiral galaxy b. elliptical galaxy

c. irregular galaxy d. cluster galaxy

Types of Galaxies

Match each description with its galaxy.

Description	Galaxy
_____ 4. ranges in shape from round to oval; most are small	a. spiral
_____ 5. <input type="radio"/> composed mostly of young stars	b. elliptical
_____ 6. usually disk-shaped with many variations	c. irregular

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7. ➡ Is the following sentence true or false? The disk of the Milky Way Galaxy is about 100,000 light-years wide and about 10,000 light-years thick at the nucleus. _____
8. A(n) _____ of thin gas and clusters of stars surrounds the disk of the Milky Way Galaxy.
9. Galaxies are not distributed randomly but are grouped in _____.
10. The larger galaxy in the photograph is a(n) _____ galaxy.
11. ➡ Is the following sentence true or false? The larger galaxy in the photograph probably contains mostly young stars.



The Expanding Universe

12. Is the following sentence true or false? The Doppler effect can tell us whether a galaxy is moving toward or away from us.

13. Most galaxies have Doppler shifts toward the _____ end of the spectrum.
14. What is Hubble's law? _____
15. ➡ The red shifts of distant galaxies show that the universe is _____.

The Big Bang

16. Is the following sentence true or false? All distant galaxies are moving away from ours because our galaxy is at the center of the universe. _____
17. ➡ The _____ theory states that the universe began when a dense, hot, supermassive ball violently exploded.
18. Circle the letter of each item that is evidence for the big bang theory.
 - a. red shift of galaxies
 - b. supernova explosions
 - c. cosmic background radiation
 - d. galactic clusters
19. Describe two possible ways the universe might end. _____

