

The Southern Sky & Stars — Knowledge Organiser

Free from LessonKind · lessonkind.com · Qualified primary teacher

Key facts

- From the southern hemisphere, the night sky looks different from the UK's.
- The Southern Cross is a famous group of stars, shown on the Australian flag.
- Aboriginal peoples have observed the stars for tens of thousands of years.
- They used the sky to track seasons and find their way.

Key vocabulary

- Constellation — a pattern of stars.
- Southern Cross — a famous southern constellation.
- Hemisphere — half of the Earth.
- Astronomy — the study of stars and space.

A different sky

Because Australia is south of the equator, stargazers there see constellations, like the Southern Cross, that cannot be seen from the UK.

The oldest astronomers

Aboriginal peoples are among the world's oldest astronomers, reading the stars to know when to hunt, gather and travel.