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Reading comprehension

The stars



The stars are huge balls of gases. These gases are very hot and glowing. Stars have their own light. Thousands of stars when grouped together make a galaxy. There are billions and billions of stars.

A star twinkles. It shines because it is a big ball of fire. A star releases a great amount of heat and energy. When we look at the sky at night, a star looks like a point of light. This is because it is far away from us. It twinkles because there is disturbance in the atmosphere.

The nearest star to our planet is the sun.

Word meaning:

huge : big

galaxy : a large group of stars. billion : one thousand million

release : give out

atmosphere : the mixture of gases that surrounds the earth.

Answer the following questions.

- 1. What are stars? The stars are huge balls of gases.
- 2. What is a galaxy? When thousands of stars are grouped together, it is galaxy.
- 3. Why does a star look like a point of life? Because it is faraway from us.
- 4. Why do stars twinkle? They twinkle because there is disturbance in the atmosphere.
- 5. What is the nearest star to our planet? The nearest star to our planet is the sun.