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## The Night Sky

### Find These 5 Constellations:

Head outside on a clear night and look up! Can you find these constellations? There are several great astronomy apps you can use to navigate the night sky.

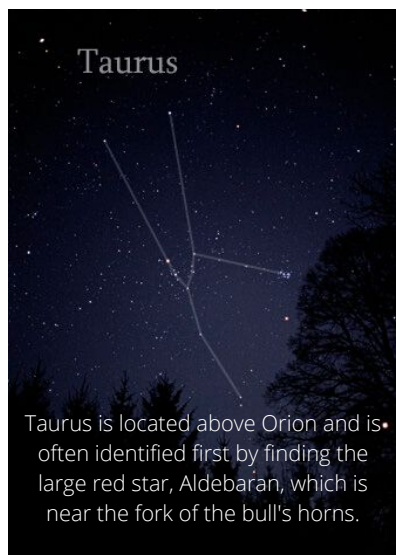
Visit [astronomy.com](http://astronomy.com) to learn more about these constellations.



Ursa Minor

Polaris is the end star of the Little Dipper's 'handle.' The handle is actually the 'Little Bear's' tail, and the cup forms part of the bear's side.

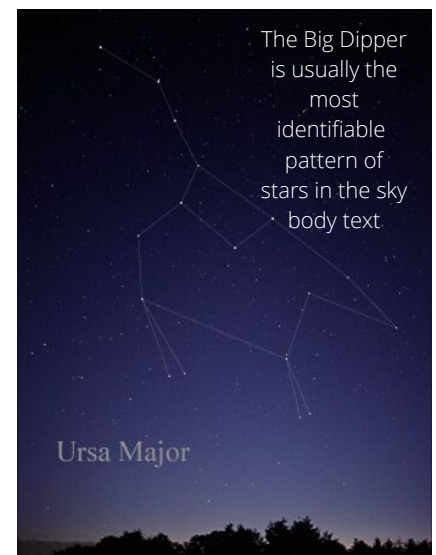
The Little Dipper



Taurus

Taurus is located above Orion and is often identified first by finding the large red star, Aldebaran, which is near the fork of the bull's horns.

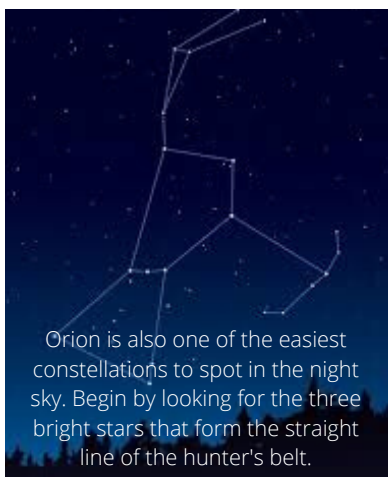
Taurus



The Big Dipper is usually the most identifiable pattern of stars in the sky.

Ursa Major

The Big Dipper



Orion is also one of the easiest constellations to spot in the night sky. Begin by looking for the three bright stars that form the straight line of the hunter's belt.

Orion



Gemini

Orion is also key to locating the constellation Gemini. The twins can be found above and to the side of the hunter's upraised arm. The constellation very much resembles two stick figure twins with outstretched arms touching.

Gemini

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