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KNOW YOUR GALAXIES

Our universe is filled with billions and billions of stars that make up billions and billions of galaxies. Because there are so many different kinds of galaxies, astronomers have come up with three simple names for basic galaxy types: **spiral**, **elliptical**, and **irregular**.

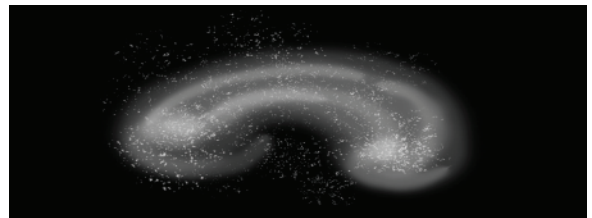
Spiral galaxies are shaped like thin disks with long arms that spiral around the center like a whirlpool.

Elliptical galaxies have no disk and look more bulged. They can be round like a basketball or elongated like a football.

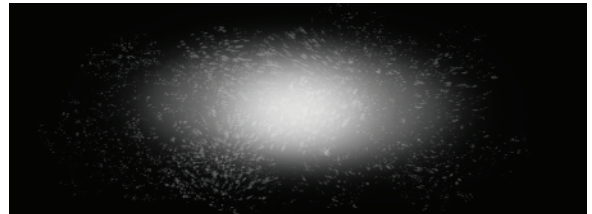
Irregular galaxies have no symmetrical shape, and don't have a clear bulge or disk. Any galaxy that isn't a spiral galaxy or an elliptical galaxy is called an irregular galaxy.

Correctly match the galaxy type with the illustration by drawing a line.

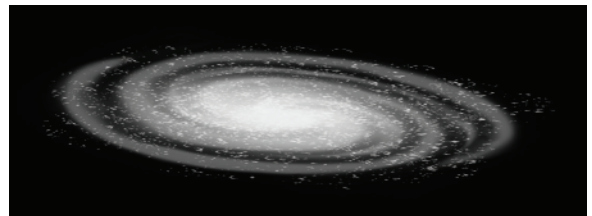
Spiral Galaxy



Irregular Galaxy



Elliptical Galaxy



What is the name of our home galaxy? What type of galaxy do we live in? Write your answer in complete sentences below.
