



Meaning of **nebula** in English



# nebula

**noun** [ C ] • PHYSICS • specialized

**UK**  / 'neb.jə.lə/ **US**  / 'neb.jə.lə/

plural **nebulae** or **nebulas**



a cloud of gas or dust in space, appearing either bright or dark



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**US**  /'neb·jə·lə/

plural **-las** or **-lae** **US** /'neb·jə·li, -ˌləɪ/



EARTH SCIENCE

**a cloud of dust or gas in outer space:**

- *The Orion Nebula is visible to the naked eye under dark skies.*

## nebular

**adjective** [ not gradable ] • EARTH SCIENCE **US**  /'neb·jə·lər/

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These objects probably retained the prebiotic material present in the pre-solar *nebula* and deposited it on our planet.

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More realistically, the *nebula* would be evolving under the influence of internal viscous forces and the tidal forces of embedded giant planets.

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Among several sources, gas-grain reactions operating in the solar *nebula* have been well recognized to play an important role in nebular chemistry.

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In any event, the physical aspects of the moon, the planets, the nebulae will be able to be studied and charted under favourable conditions.

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The resulting spectrum is able to match the emission spectrum of a protoplanetary *nebula*.

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These include the 21 and 30 mm emission features, and the extended red emission observed in protoplanetary nebulae and planetary nebulae.

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The constraints for its formation in the solar *nebula* are too demanding so it cannot be formed at all under those conditions.

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It has been supposed that the formation of macromolecular material was probably related to thermal alteration in the solar *nebula* or the meteorite parent body.

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Star-forming regions within the nebulae encountered may thus be seeded by significant numbers of microorganisms.

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Much of the interstellar gas as well as gaseous nebulae are plasmas.



In this introduction, we have started from the observation that protoplanetary nebulae may exist in certain protoplanetary nebulae.

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- This is an emission nebula showing glowing gas and darker dust lanes.

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## planetary nebula

- An average-size star will then shed its outer layers as a planetary nebula.

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## protoplanetary nebula

- The resulting spectrum is able to match the emission spectrum of a protoplanetary nebula.

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