

Vocabulary



flyby a flight close by a planet to collect observations

Many space probes never land. Instead, they make images of planets as they pass by in space. They send the images back to Earth. Computers decode the images.

satellite an object that revolves around a planet

The Moon is a natural satellite. People have also put many satellites in orbit around Earth. Some satellites collect information about weather. Some do science research. Others photograph Earth's surface or help send phone and TV signals.

space probe a spacecraft that explores the solar system and carries instruments, but not people

Some space probes land on planets and send back information. Others fly past planets and never land.