

# What and why

Our aim is to help you in your approach and understanding of academic material in any subject and gain more confidence.

**All of the words used will appear on GCSE exam papers.**

***This week's word is...***

**Phenomenon**

**[fi-nom-*uh*-non, -*nuhn*]**

# Phenomenon

## Noun

- a fact, occurrence, or circumstance observed or observable: *to study the phenomena of nature.*
- something that is impressive or extraordinary.
- a remarkable or exceptional person; prodigy; wonder.
- *Philosophy.* an appearance or immediate object of awareness in experience.
- *Kantianism.* a thing as it appears to and is constructed by the mind, as distinguished from a noumenon, or thing-in-itself.

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## Synonyms

anomaly  
aspect  
circumstance  
miracle  
paradox  
sensation  
abnormality  
curiosity  
exception  
marvel  
peculiarity  
prodigy  
rarity  
spectacle  
uniqueness

## Origin of the word

1595–1605; Late Latin from *phaenomenon* < Greek *p hainómenon* appearance, noun use of neuter of *phainómenos*, present participle of *phaínesthai* to appear, passive of *phaínein* meaning to show

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Name the phenomena on the following slides.

Can you think of anything else that you personally could label as being phenomenal?

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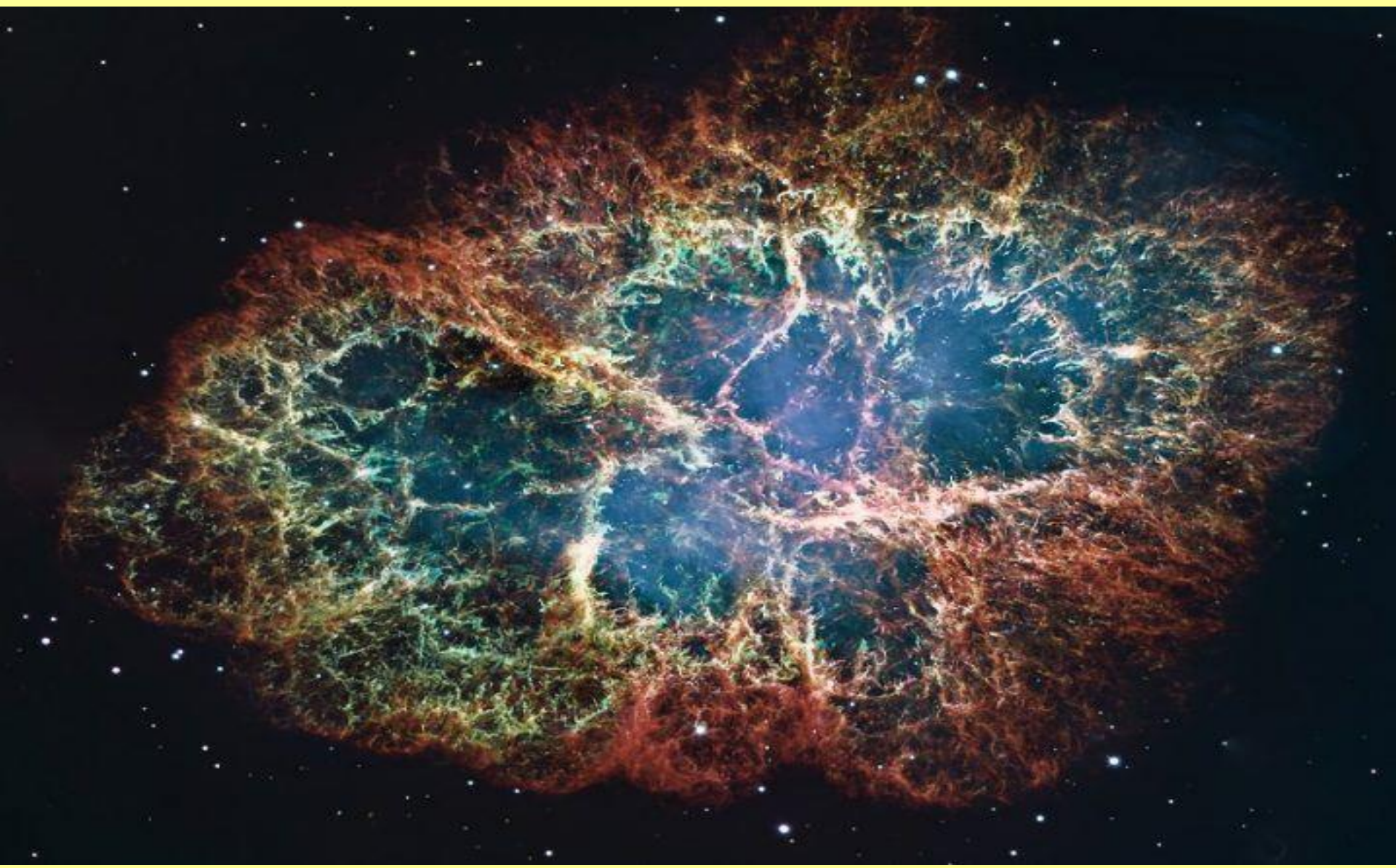
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## Phenomenon – lightning from a volcano eruption



# Phenomenon – ‘Blood falls’



Blood Falls, in one of the driest regions of Antarctica, is fed by an [underground lake](#). It's full of bacteria scientists want to study because they fuel themselves with [sulfates](#), instead of sugars like we do.

The water has so much iron in it that it [literally rusts](#) when it meets air, giving the waterfall its trademark color.

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Use the word '**Phenomenon**' to earn points!

Use the word of the week in your writing or in your discussions in class to earn points!

