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# Naming Moons

*An extension of "Jupiter's growing family"*

Read "**Jupiter's growing family**" (page 14, *What's Up* September 2018).

The earth is not the only planet with a moon. Other planets also have moons, and some might even have more than one. To tell the difference between the moons, astronomers often name them. For example, Mars has two moons, Deimos and Phobos. And, did you know that all of Uranus' moons are named after Shakespearean characters?

**TASK 1:** With your partner(s), look for some stories behind the names of the many moons in our solar system. Here are some moons that you might want to search for: Titan, Iapetus, Tethys, Dione, Rhea, Oberon, Titania, Miranda, Puck, Mab, Triton, or Nereid. Share your favourite story in the space below. Exchange these fun stories with your classmates!

**TASK 2:** Imagine you are an astronomer tasked to name the Earth's moon. What would you call it? In the space below, list your suggestions, and explain why you think any one of these names would be good for Earth's moon.