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Comets: Mysterious Wanderers of the Night Sky

Short Answer

1. What is the role of the coma in making a comet visible from Earth?

2. Explain the two types of tails that a comet can have.

3. How do comets change their orbits and enter the inner solar system?

4. What valuable information about the early solar system can scientists learn from studying comets?

5. Why do comets appear as "wandering" objects in the night sky?

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