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Discovering and Naming Moons: How Astronomers Uncover Celestial Companions

Short Answer

1. Describe the role of technology in modern moon discovery.
2. Why is the verification process important in confirming the existence of a moon?
3. Explain the significance of the International Astronomical Union (IAU) in moon naming.
4. Provide an example of a moon name that has cultural or mythological significance and explain its meaning.
5. How does the gravitational interaction between a moon and its parent body affect nearby stars?

