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WHAT'S IN THE SKY THIS WEEK?

Constellation: Canis Major

Use the [April Star Map from Week 2](#) to find Canis Major in the sky. Can you find all of the stars?

Stars have names, like people! Most of the brightest stars have two names, a formal name and a nickname. The brightest star in the sky is called *Alpha Canis Majoris*. It's in the constellation Canis Major, the *Greater Dog*.

Alpha is the first letter in the Greek alphabet – this means that this star is the brightest in its constellation. *Canis Majoris* tells us which constellation it belongs to – its family.

Most of the brightest stars, like this one, also have nicknames. *Alpha Canis Majoris* is also known as Sirius. This name should be familiar to Harry Potter fans!

Use the [Star Map](#) to find the Harry Potter character in [last week's constellation](#), Orion! Can you find her? Tell us who it is in the [GGTV Hub Forum!](#)

Keep looking in other constellations – there are many more Harry Potter references in the night sky!

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