aster (astur) noun

- 1. a fall flower shaped like a star
- **2.** Star-shaped structure formed in the cytoplasm of a cell having fibers like rays that surround the centrosome during mitosis.

astrodome (astruhdohm) A transparent dome-like structure with a sliding roof that houses a telescope used to study the stars. Also the name of a sports stadium in Houston.

astronaut (astruhnot) *noun* A person trained to travel in a spacecraft.

astronomer (uhstronuhmur) *noun* A physicist who studies astronomy.

autocracy (awtokruhsee) absolute authority; a government by a single person having unlimited power.

autocrat (awtuhkrat) *noun* A ruler who has absolute or unlimited power; a cruel and oppressive dictator.

autograph (awtuhgraf) noun, verb A person's own signature.

automatic (awtuhmatihk) *noun,adjective* Operating with minimal thinking or human intervention.

autonomy (awtonuhmee) noun

- 1. Immunity from arbitrary exercise of authority: political independence.
- 2. Personal independence.

disaster (dihzastur) noun

- 1. a state of extreme (usually irremediable) ruin and misfortune
- 2. an event that occurs under the influence of a negative star; a calamity

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astronaut astro , star + naut
autocracy auto , self + -cracy , government
disaster dis , negative + aster , star
aster aster , star
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- 5. **automatic** auto, self + matic
- 6. autonomy auto, self + -nomy, law
- 7. autograph auto, self,same + graph, written,recording
- 8. **astronomer** astro , **star** + nomer
- 9. autocrat auto, self, same + crat, government, rule
- 10. **astrodome** astro, **star** + dome