

**4****Match the constellations with their names.**

Cancer (the crab)

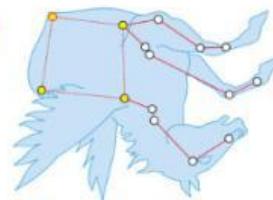
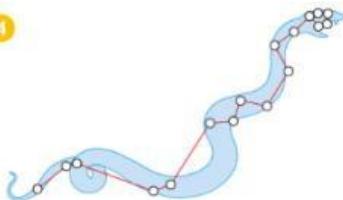
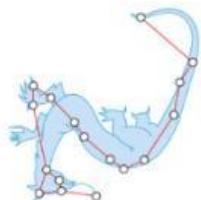
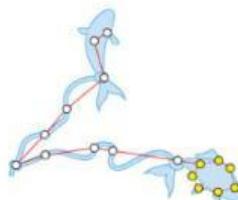
Canis major (the big dog)

Draco (the dragon)

Hydra (the water-snake)

Pegasus (the flying horse)

Pisces (the fishes)

1**Canis major****2****3****4****5****6****5****Read the descriptions and write the name of a constellation from Activity 4.**

1 **Draco** is the eighth-largest constellation in the sky. In Greek mythology, it was a large creature that was killed by the hero, Hercules. You can see its head, which is marked out by four stars, quite clearly at the bottom.

2 represents the Greek goddess Aphrodite and her son, Eros, who changed into fish and jumped into a river to escape from a scary monster. There is a very clear circle of seven stars on one of them.

3 is one of the biggest constellations and is easy to spot because of four very bright stars in a square, which represent the animal's body.

4 contains Sirius, the brightest star in the sky. The constellation is very close to the constellation Orion, named after the hunter in Greek mythology, and it represents one of Orion's hunting animals.

5 is the longest constellation in the whole sky. Its name comes from the snake with many heads in Greek mythology, which Hercules fought. Five stars make up its head, while the rest of its body stretches across the sky.

6 is named after a very minor character from Greek mythology which bit Hercules while he was fighting the multi-headed snake. Unfortunately, someone then stood on it and squashed it. It is made up of six stars.

6**Project** Find and write the names of three more constellations in English.