

Satellite **sat** **el** **lite** (**sat'l-it'**) **noun** **1.** An object that moves around the Earth or some other object rather than falling onto it. **2.** A body whose center of mass is located in another. **3.** One who supports and adheres to another. **4.** A minor structure accompanying a more important or larger one. **5. adjective** surrounding and dominated by a central authority or power. **6. artificial** It was the English science fiction writer Arthur C. Clarke who conceived the possibility of artificial communication satellites. Clarke examined the logistics of satellite launch, possible orbits and other aspects of the creation of a network of world-circling satellites, pointing to the benefits of high-speed global communications. **note** It is not always a simple matter to decide which is the satellite in a pair of bodies. Because all objects with mass are affected by gravity, the motion of the primary object is also affected by the satellite. **synonyms** dependency, outpost, flight path, settlement, protectorate, addiction, reliance, need, habit, craving.

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