

"The need to be right all the time is the biggest bar to new ideas. It is better to have enough ideas for some of them to be wrong than to be always right by having no ideas at all."

*Edward deBono



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Messier 88

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Explanation: Charles Messier described the 88th entry in his 18th century catalog of [Nebulae and Star Clusters](#) as a spiral nebula without stars. Of course the [gorgeous M88](#) is now [understood](#) to be a galaxy full of stars, gas, and dust, not unlike our own Milky Way. In fact, M88 is one of the brightest galaxies in the [Virgo Galaxy Cluster](#) some 50 million light-years [away](#). M88's beautiful spiral arms are easy to trace in this [colorful cosmic portrait](#). The arms are lined with young blue [star clusters](#), pink [star-forming regions](#), and obscuring [dust lanes](#) extending from a yellowish core dominated by an older population of stars. Spiral galaxy M88 spans over 100,000 light-years.

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verb

Meaning

1 : to draw forth or bring out (something latent or potential)

***2** : to call forth or draw out (as information or a response)

Example Sentence

The announcement of the total amount of money that the charity walk raised for the children's hospital elicited many cheers from the crowd.

Did you know?

"Elicit" derives from the past participle of the Latin verb "elicere," formed by combining the prefix "e-" with the verb "lacere," meaning "to entice by charm or attraction." It is not related to its near-homophone, the adjective "illicit" — that word, meaning "unlawful," traces back to another Latin verb, "licēre," meaning "to be permitted." Nor is "elicit" related to the verb "solicit," even though it sounds like it should be. "Solicit" derives from Latin "sollicitare" ("to disturb"), formed by combining the adjective "sollus," meaning "whole," with the past participle of the verb "ciēre," meaning "to move."

*Indicates the sense illustrated in the example sentence.

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