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Space Visitors: Asteroids, Comets, and Meteors Answer Key

1. **Between Mars and Jupiter, in the asteroid belt.**
2. **Ice, dust, and gas.**
3. **The Sun's heat turns the comet's ice into gas, creating a tail.**
4. **A meteorite is the part of a meteor that reaches Earth's surface.**
5. **A meteor is a small object that enters Earth's atmosphere and burns up, while an asteroid is a rocky body that stays in space.**