EARTH ORBITS INFOGRAPHIC

EARTH-MOON LAGRANGE POINT 4 (L4) -384,400 km from Earth; the

same distance as the Moon. -Located 60° ahead of the Moon.

HIGHLY ELLIPTICAL ORBIT (HEO)

-<500 km from Earth at its closet point (Perigee) and >40,000 km from Earth at its furthest point (Apogee.) -Used for observing polar regions of Earth and long observation spy satellites.

EARTH-MOON LAGRANGE POINT 3 (L3)

-384,400 km from Earth; the same distance as the Moon. -Located 180° ahead or behind of the Moon.

GEOSYNCHRONUS ORBIT (GEO)

-Exactly at 35,786 km from Earth.
-These appear to be stationary relative to Earth as they orbit at the same speed the Earth rotates.
-Some weather and observation satellites.
-When located at or near the equator, these might be called Geostationary Orbits.

Everything from Low Earth Orbit out to the Moon's orbit is considered "Cislunar Space."

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POLAR ORBIT

-200-2,000 km from Earth. -A type of Low Earth Orbit, but orbits "North and South" around Earth, instead of "East and West." -Used for Earth observation and weather monitoring.

LOW EARTH ORBIT (LEO) -200-2,000 km from Earth.

-International Space Station, Earth Observation Satellites, some Communication Satellites

MEDIUM EARTH ORBIT (MEO)

-2,000-35,786 km from Earth. -Global Positioning System (GPS) satellites and other Position, Navigation, and Timing (PNT) satellites from other countries.

EARTH-MOON LAGRANGE POINT 5 (L5)

-384,400 km from Earth; the same distance as the Moon. -Located 60° behind of the Moon. EARTH-MOON LAGRANGE POINT 1 (L1) -326,000 km from Earth and 58,000 km from the Moon. -Orbits Earth at the same speed as the Moon.

POINT 2 (L2) -442,000 km from Earth and 58,000 km from the Moon. -Orbits Earth at the same speed as the Moon.

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