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Word of the Day - for Toastmasters everywhere
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(adjective) sy-DEER-i-al

Relating to the stars.

Men can do nothing without the make-believe of a beginning. Even science, the strict measurer, is obliged to start with a make-believe unit, and must fix on a point in the stars' unceasing journey when his **sidereal** clock shall pretend that time is at Nought.

George Eliot, *Daniel Deronda*.

Dim and wonderful is the vision I have conjured up in my mind of life spreading slowly from this little seed bed of the solar system throughout the inanimate vastness of **sidereal** space.

H. G. Wells, *War of the Worlds*.

It is his only known longcase clock and records **sidereal** time, based on the rotation of the earth in relation to the stars.

Maev Kennedy, *The Guardian*, 7 May 2003. Guardian

In addition to having taught Spanish and Latin grammar, he served for 40 years as the cable editor at El Diario de La Paz, a job that involved "reconstructing and completing in indigenous prose the news of the world that we caught as it flew through **sidereal** space on shortwaves or in Morse code."

Michiko Kakutani, *The New York Times*, 22 November 2005, New York Times reviewing Gabriel Garc a-a M rquez's *Memories of My Melancholy Whores*.