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The Moon

Circle group

The moon is in the sky. You can see it at night. Some days you can see it in the day too.

The moon does not make light. The sun shines on it. That is why it looks bright.

The moon looks like it changes shape. One night it is round. A few nights later, it is a thin bow. But the moon does not change. We see a new part of it. It is the part the sun lights up.

People have been to the moon! They hopped. They left boot prints in the dust.

Questions

1. When can you see the moon?

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2. What makes the moon look bright?

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3. What shape is the moon one night?

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4. Does the moon really change shape?

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5. What did people leave on the moon?

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Words to know

moon: the big round rock that goes around the Earth
shine: to give off or bounce back light
bright: full of light
dust: tiny bits of dry dirt

Talk together (every group has these)

1. Find one fact that every group read. How did your sheet say it?
2. What did your sheet tell you that you think another group's did not? Ask them.
3. What is one question about this topic that none of the sheets answered?

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The Moon

Triangle group

The moon is in the sky. You can see it at night. Some days you can see it in the day too.

The moon does not make its own light. The sun shines on it. That is why it looks bright.

The moon looks like it changes shape. One night it is round. A few nights later, it looks like a thin bow. The moon is not really changing. We just see a different part of it that the sun is lighting up.

People have been to the moon. They hopped and left boot prints in the dust.

Questions

1. When can you see the moon?

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2. Where does the moon's light come from?

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3. What shape does the moon look like one night?

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4. Is the moon really changing shape? How do you know?

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5. What did people leave on the moon?

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Words to know

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The Moon

Square group

The moon travels across the sky, and you can usually see it at night. On some days, you can even spot it during the daytime.

The moon does not produce any light of its own. Instead, the sun shines on it, and that is why the moon appears so bright.

The moon seems to change its shape. One night it looks completely round. A few nights later, it looks like a thin, curved bow. The moon is not actually changing. We are simply seeing a different part of it, the part that the sun is lighting up.

Astronauts have traveled all the way to the moon. They hopped across its surface and left boot prints in the dust.

Questions

1. At what times can you see the moon?

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2. Where does the moon's brightness come from?

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3. How does the moon's shape seem to change over a few nights?

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4. Is the moon actually changing shape? Explain.

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5. What did astronauts leave behind on the moon?

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Words to know

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For the teacher: The Moon

Each student sheet carries a shape, not a level. The same topic and facts, written three ways.

Circle: The Moon

Easier · 96 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -0.8

1. At night. Some days you can see it in the day too.
2. The sun shines on it.
3. Round. A few nights later it is a thin bow.
4. No. We just see a new part of it, the part the sun lights up.
5. Boot prints in the dust.

Triangle: The Moon

This passage · 98 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.2

1. At night. Sometimes in the day too.
2. From the sun. The sun shines on the moon.
3. Round (a full moon). Later it looks like a thin bow.
4. No. We just see a different part of it that the sun is lighting up.
5. Boot prints in the dust.

Square: The Moon

Harder · 118 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 3.2

1. Usually at night, and on some days during the daytime.
2. From the sun. The moon makes no light of its own; the sun shines on it.
3. One night it looks completely round, and a few nights later it looks like a thin, curved bow.
4. No. We are seeing a different part of it, the part the sun is lighting up.
5. Boot prints in the dust.