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The Moon Is a Mirror

Circle group

The moon looks like it glows. But it has no light of its own.

The sun shines on the moon. The moon bounces the light to us. It is like a mirror.

The sun lights half the moon. So the moon can look like a smile or a full circle.

Questions

1. Does the moon have its own light?

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2. What shines on the moon?

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3. What does the moon do with the light?

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4. What is the moon like?

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5. Why does the moon look like a smile sometimes?

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Words to know

glows: shines with a soft light
mirror: a shiny glass that shows back what is in front of it
bounces: hits something and goes back
circle: a perfectly round shape

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 Is a Mirror

Triangle group

The moon looks like it glows. But the moon has no light of its own.

The sun shines on the moon. The moon bounces the light back to us. It works like a mirror.

The sun can only light half of the moon at a time. That is why the moon can look like a bright smile or a full circle.

Questions

1. Does the moon have light of its own?

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2. What shines on the moon?

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3. What does the moon do with the light?

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4. What is the moon like?

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5. Why does the moon look like a bright smile sometimes?

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The Moon Is a Mirror

Square group

The moon looks as though it glows all by itself, but the moon has no light of its own.

The sun shines on the moon, and the moon bounces that light back toward us. In this way, the moon works like a mirror in the sky.

The sun can only light half of the moon at one time. That is why the moon sometimes looks like a bright smile and sometimes like a full, round circle.

Questions

1. Does the moon make light of its own?

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2. What shines on the moon?

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3. What does the moon do with the sun's light?

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4. What does the moon work like?

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5. Why does the moon sometimes look like a bright smile?

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For the teacher: The Moon Is a Mirror

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

Circle: The Moon Is a Mirror

Easier · 50 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade -0.1

1. No.
2. The sun.
3. It bounces the light to us.
4. A mirror.
5. Only part of the moon we see is lit by the sun.

Triangle: The Moon Is a Mirror

This passage · 61 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 0.6

1. No, it does not.
2. The sun.
3. It bounces the light back to us.
4. A mirror.
5. Only part of the moon that faces us is lit by the sun.

Square: The Moon Is a Mirror

Harder · 76 words · Flesch-Kincaid grade 3.9

1. No, it does not.
2. The sun.
3. It bounces the light back toward us.
4. A mirror in the sky.
5. Only part of the moon that faces us is lit by the sun.