

Phases of the Moon



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Phases of the Moon



new moon



waxing
crescent



first quarter



waxing
gibbous



full moon



waning gibbous



last quarter



waning
crescent



new moon

_____ 's Moon Observation Journal for the Month of _____

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

New Moon

Waxing
Moon

First
Quarter

Waxing
Gibbous

Full Moon

Waning
Gibbous

Last
Quarter

Waning
Crescent

Make your own model of the phases of the moon using

oreos

or

biscuits and decorate with icing

Use the cards above to label your model.

Phases of the Moon

As the moon revolves around the Earth, it appears as though it is changing shape. These phases are produced by the alignment of the Moon and the Sun.

A lunar phase is the amount of the moon you can see from Earth. This changes daily and depends on how much of the moon is lit up by the sun.

The moon reflects the light from the sun making it look like it is lit up. Only the part of the moon that is facing the sun is lit up.

The different phases of the moon are dependent on the position of the moon in relation to the sun and the Earth.

A complete cycle of phases takes twenty nine and a half days to complete.

During this time the moon completes all eight phases, which is known as a Lunar month.

Southern Hemisphere

This is the phases of the moon as seen by those living in the Southern Hemisphere.



Northern Hemisphere

This is the phases of the moon as seen by those living in the Northern Hemisphere.

