

All About the Moon

Vocabulary

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WORD	DEFINITION
ASTRONAUT	A person trained to travel and work in space.
CRATERS	Bowl-shaped holes on the Moon's surface formed by impacts from meteoroids.
CRESCENT	A phase of the Moon when only a small curved portion is illuminated.
DUST	Fine powdery material that covers much of the Moon's surface.
ECLIPSE	An event that occurs when one celestial body moves into the shadow of another.
FAR SIDE	The half of the Moon that always faces away from Earth.
FULL	The phase when the entire visible side of the Moon is illuminated.
GIBBOUS	A phase when more than half of the Moon's surface is lit but it is not yet full.
HALF	A phase when half of the Moon's visible surface is illuminated.
LAVA	Molten rock that once flowed across the Moon's surface long ago.
LUNAR	Relating to the Moon.
MARIA	Large dark plains on the Moon formed by ancient lava flows.
NEAR SIDE	The half of the Moon that always faces Earth.
NEW	The phase when the Moon is between Earth and the Sun and cannot be seen from Earth.
ORBIT	The path an object follows as it moves around another object in space.
PHASE	The different shapes the Moon appears to have during its monthly cycle.
QUARTER	A phase when half of the Moon appears illuminated as it moves through its cycle.
REVOLUTION	The movement of one object as it travels around another.
ROCKS	Solid pieces of material found on the Moon's surface.
ROTATION	The spinning of an object on its axis.
SATELLITE	An object that orbits a planet; the Moon is Earth's natural satellite.
SEAS	Another name for the Moon's maria, which appear as dark plains.
TIDES	The regular rise and fall of ocean water influenced by the Moon's gravity.
UMBRA	The darkest part of a shadow during an eclipse.
WANING	Describes Moon phases when the illuminated portion is decreasing.
WAXING	Describes Moon phases when the illuminated portion is increasing.