



Our class will read

The Moon Seems to Change

Expository Text

Unit 4 Lesson 3

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Our class will read "The Moon Seems to Change," a selection about the phases of the moon. It explains why the moon sometimes appears round and why it sometimes appears as a crescent. The moon does not actually change shape. Its shape only appears to change in the night sky because it is moving around the earth.

After your child has finished reading "The Moon Seems to Change," you may want to complete the following activity together: Have your child explain why the moon appears to change shape.

Throughout the coming month, observe the night sky with your child and identify the different phases of the moon as they occur.

Selection Vocabulary

Your child will be studying the following vocabulary words in the upcoming weeks. Please review the meanings of these words with your child

- crescent moon -the curved shape of the waxing or waning moon ;
- new moon -the moon when it cannot be seen or when it appears as a thin crescent;
- occur -to happen;
- phase -the appearance and shape of the moon or a planet as it is seen at a particular time;
- phases -plural form of phase
- quarter moon -one-fourth of the moon that is seen at a time;
- sliver -thin, narrow piece.

Spelling Words

Your child will be studying the following spelling words in the upcoming weeks. Please review the spellings of these words with your child:

weakness	tension	sleepless	rarity
endless	sanity	fitness	priceless
purity	erosion	blindness	electricity
fairness	division	careless	