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Phases of the Moon

Label the eight phases of the moon, then answer questions about how the moon seems to change.

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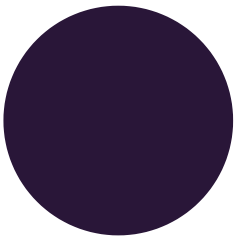


Word bank

new moon | waxing crescent | first quarter | waxing gibbous | full moon | waning gibbous | third quarter | waning crescent

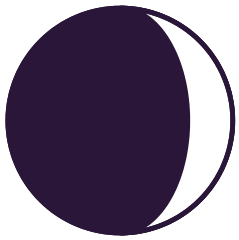
Label each phase. The moon goes through all eight in about 29½ days.

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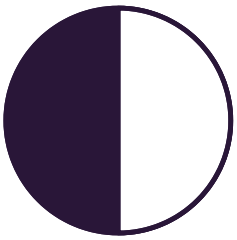
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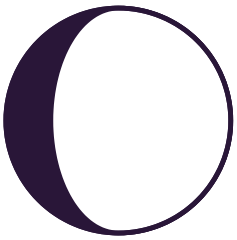
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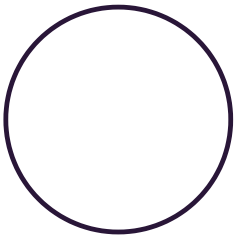
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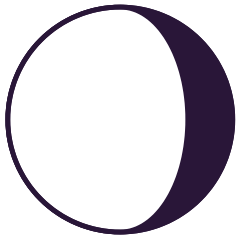
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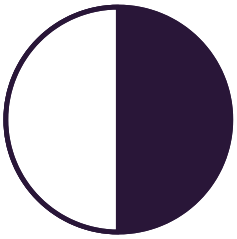
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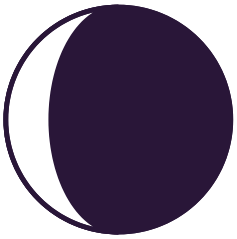
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Circle the answer.

The moon shines because it

(makes its own light) (reflects light from the sun)

"Waxing" means the lit part is

(getting bigger) (getting smaller)

A full moon looks like

(a whole bright circle) (a thin sliver)

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