Vocabulary

mystery science

Lesson: Why does the Moon change shape?

crescent moon	moon phase when the Moon looks like a sliver
cycle	a set of events that repeats in the same order over and over
full moon	moon phase when the Moon looks like a circle
gibbous moon	moon phase when the Moon looks like a little less than a full circle
half moon	moon phase when the Moon looks like half of a circle
model	a pretend version of something that scientists use when the real thing is too big, small, or complicated to work with
Moon	a large, round object in the night sky that can reflect the Sun's light
moon phase	the part of the Moon that we can see on a particular night
new moon	moon phase when the Moon looks completely dark
lunar cycle	the process of the Moon going through all of its phases
orbit (revolve)	circling another object, like the Moon around the Earth
pattern	something can be observed again and again and again in a way that can be predicted