

Solar
System
Unit

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Science

Chapter 2 Vocabulary

Axis: an imaginary line through the center of an object

Rotate: to turn on an axis

Equator: the imaginary line that circles Earth halfway between the North and South Poles

Revolve: to move around another object

Season: one of the four parts of the year: spring, summer, fall, and winter

Crescent Moon: phase of the Moon when only a thin shape can be seen

Full moon: phase of the Moon when all the Moon's bright side is visible

New moon: phase of the Moon when none of the Moon's bright side is visible

Phases of the moon: the different ways the Moon looks throughout the month

Quarter moon: the Moon has revolved a quarter of the orbit around Earth and half of the Moon's sunlit side is visible

Waning moon: after a full moon, a decreasing amount of the sunlit side of the Moon can be seen

Waxing moon: after the new moon, an increasing amount of the sunlit side of the Moon can be seen.

Constellation: a group of stars that forms a pattern shaped like an animal, object, or person.

Star: a ball of hot gases that gives off light and other forms of energy

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