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Moon Phases

The Moon has different shapes on different nights because of the way the Sun's light shines on it. These shapes are called moon phases. Sometimes, we see whole Moon bright and round, and this is called a full moon. Other times, only a part of the Moon is bright, like a half moon or a crescent moon. The Moon changes its shape every night in a pattern, and after about a month, the pattern starts again.

What causes the Moon to look different on different nights?

What is it called when we see the whole Moon bright and round? _____

How often does the Moon complete its pattern of phases?

