



Vocabulary: Eclipse



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- **Corona** – the outer region of the Sun's atmosphere, seen as a white halo during a solar eclipse.
- **Eclipse** – an event in which a planet or moon passes through the shadow of another planet or moon.
- **Lunar eclipse** – an eclipse in which the Moon passes through part of the Earth's shadow.
 - A lunar eclipse in which the Moon lies completely in the Earth's umbra is called a *total lunar eclipse*. The Moon has a dark reddish color at this time.
 - In a *partial lunar eclipse*, the Moon lies partially in the umbra and partially in the penumbra.
 - A lunar eclipse in which the Moon lies completely in the Earth's penumbra is called a *penumbral eclipse*. In this case, the Moon becomes only slightly darker than usual. The difference in color is so small that it can be difficult to notice.
- **Penumbra** – the partial shadow beyond the region of the umbra.
 - A person in the penumbra would see some of the light source (such as the Sun), but not all of it.
- **Solar eclipse** – an eclipse in which the Moon's shadow passes over part of the Earth.
 - A solar eclipse in which the Moon completely blocks the Sun's light is called a *total solar eclipse*. This can usually be seen only on a very small area on Earth at any one time.
 - A solar eclipse in which a viewer on Earth sees only some of the Sun being blocked by the Moon is a *partial solar eclipse*.
- **Umbra** – the darkest part of a shadow, totally blocked from the light source.
 - A person in the umbra would not see the light source (such as the Sun) at all.

