**Vocabulary:** **Phases of the Moon**

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* Axis – a line connecting the North Pole to the South Pole.
* Crescent – Moon phase in which less than half of the Moon appears to be illuminated.
* First Quarter – Moon phase in which exactly half of the Moon appears to be illuminated (occurs when the Moon has gone one quarter of the way around Earth).
* Full Moon – Moon phase in which all of the Moon appears to be illuminated.
* Gibbous – Moon phase in which more than half of the Moon appears to be illuminated.
* Illuminate – to brighten with light.
* New Moon – Moon phase in which none of the Moon appears to be illuminated.
* Orbit – the path of a celestial body (such as a moon or a planet) around a larger celestial body.
* Revolve – to move around a central point.
* Rotate – to spin on an axis.
* Third Quarter – Moon phase in which exactly half of the Moon appears to be illuminated (occurs when the Moon has gone three quarters of the way around Earth).
* Waning – decreasing in size.
* Waxing – increasing in size.