



# The Moon



The full moon has forever enchanted humankind. It's part of lore, mythology and yes, superstitions.

The moon is very mysterious to us. In the past many people thought the moon was made of cheese.

The full moon is said to cause all kinds of strange human behaviors. Wolves howl at it. Maybe some people even turn into wolves, werewolves.

Native Indians saw the moon as a source of fertility. The ancient Greeks thought the moon was the home of the dead. Many cultures believe the moon is a sign of prosperity.

This is a crescent moon. It's the symbol of the Islamic religion and marks the start of the Holy Month of Ramadan.

The moon orbits planet earth. It is the 5th largest natural satellite in our solar system.

The moon goes through 8 phases as it orbits the earth. The new Moon, waxing crescent, first quarter, waxing gibbous, full Moon, waning gibbous, third quarter and waning crescent

The moon rises and sets just like the sun. Throughout it's phases, the moon gets larger (waxes) and gets smaller (waned).

The moon has no atmosphere, which means that there is no weather or wind on its surface. The surface of the moon is covered in a layer of fine dust called regolith.

Did you know the moon is responsible for causing high and low tides. The tidal force is produced by the moon's gravitational pull. Earth and its water protrude outward on both the side that is closest to and farthest from the moon as a result of the tidal force. These watery peaks are high tides.

Man first landed on the moon, July 20th, 1969. It was Apollo 11. But the former Soviet Union was the first to send a spacecraft to the moon with Luna 1 in 1959.

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This is a lunar eclipse when the sun, moon and earth are exactly aligned. The moon moves into the earth's shadow.

During a solar eclipse, the moon casts a shadow on planet earth as it sits between the sun and us.

Everyone has always tried to get the perfect photo of the moon. Here is Santa.

And there is this famous photo of E.T.

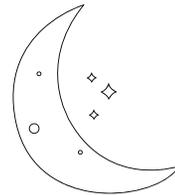
Have you ever listened to this album, "Dark Side Of The Moon"?

There have been many songs written about the moon. Can you name one? Two?

Michael Jackson made the "moonwalk" very famous. Can you moonwalk like him?

What else do you know about the moon? Let us know in the comments.

## The Moon. 3 Facts.



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