

The Phases of the Moon

Fill in the gaps with the words below.



crescent full new starts changes phases gibbous waning

There is a reason why the Moon 1) shape all the time, and it is because it goes through different 2) every month. There are eight phases the Moon goes through. When we can see the whole moon, we call it a(n) 3) moon. When we can't see the Moon at all, it's called a 4) moon. This phase is followed by the waxing 5) , and then the half-moon; now it looks like half a circle. In the waxing 6) phase, the Moon seems a bit fatter. Then comes the full moon. After that comes the 7) gibbous; this is when the Moon 8) to look smaller again. Finally, there is the half-moon and the waning crescent, and the cycle of the Moon's phases is complete.

Which piece of information impressed you most about the different phases of the moon? How did it make you feel?