THE MOON

There is nothing quite so beautiful as a full moon on a clear night. The light of the **Moon** is like magic lantern in the sky. But what is the Moon? The Moon is Earth's only natural satellite. A satellite is an object in space that orbuts around a bigger object. The Moon is smaller than Earth. It travels around Earth every 27.3 days, almost once a month.

The Moon hasn't got its own light. It relfects the light from the Sun. We only see the part of the Moon that the Sun lights. Sometimes we see all of the Moon, the full moon, and sometimes we only see part of the Moon.

Some of the other planets in our solar system have also got moons. In fact, some have got more than one!

FAST FACTS

The first man to walk on the Moon was Neil Amstrong, in 1969, on the Apollo 11 mission.

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Named after: the ancient Greek name for the Moon, Mene.

Size: 3,475 kilometres across

How many times it can fit inside Earths: 50

1. Look, read and match.

1. Satellite
2. Natural
3. Lantern
4. Space
5. Full moon
6. Reflect

2. Read and choose.

The Moon is Earth's .....

a satellite **b** light

A satellite is a(n) ..... in space.

a lantern **b** object

The Moon travels around Earth ..... .

a once a month **b** once a year

The Moon is ..... tahn Earth.

a bigger **b** smaller

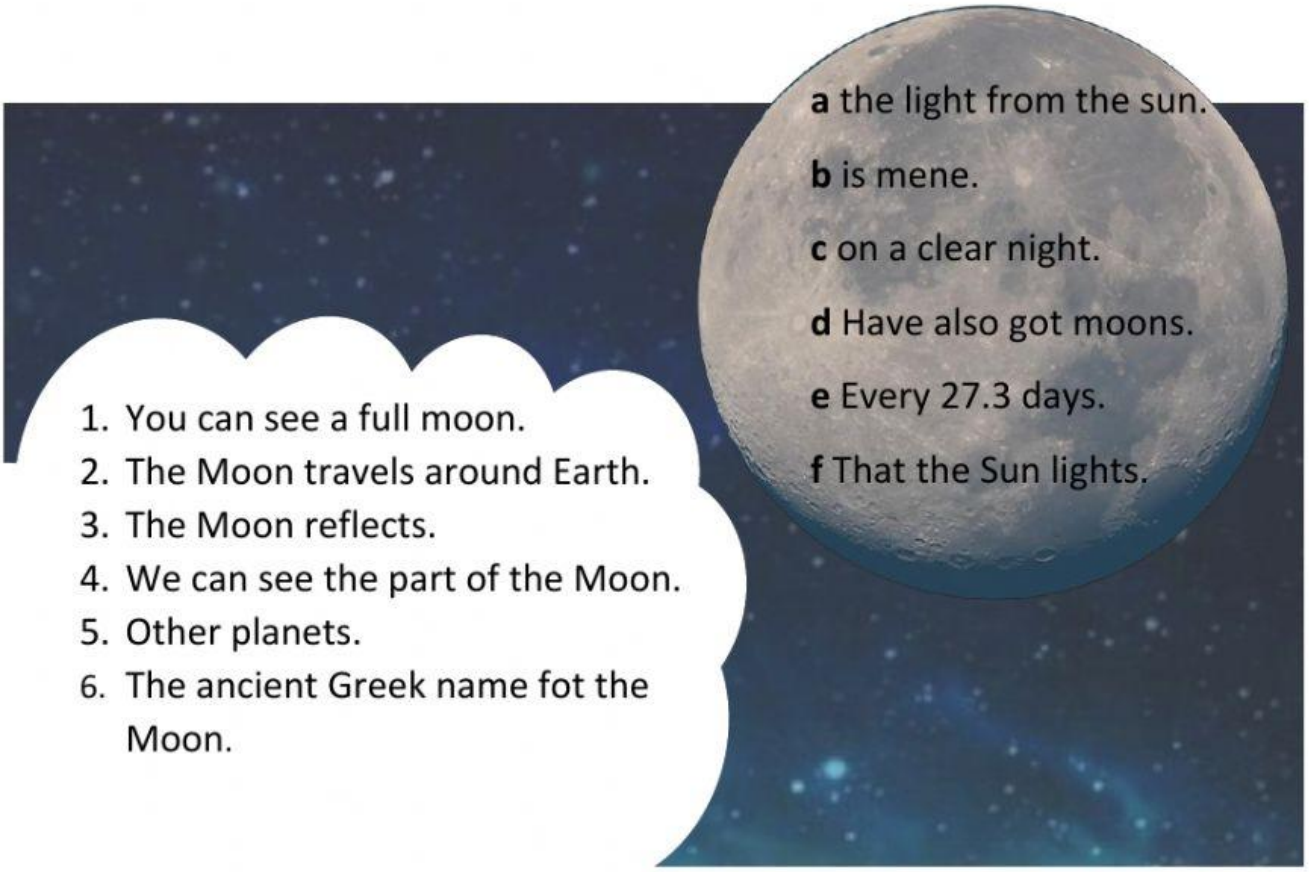
The Moon is ..... its own light.

a has got **b** hasn't got

The Moon can fit inside ..... 50 times.

a Earth **b** the Sun

3. Read and match



4. Use the Internet and dot the quiz about the Moon. Circle True or False

The Moon "rises" and "sets" just like the Sun	**True**	**False**
The Moon is made of dust and rocks.	**True**	**False**
Australia is wider than the Moon.	**True**	**False**
There is no water on the Moon.	**True**	**False**
The Moon is Earth's nearest neighbour in space.	**True**	**False**
It is cold everywhere on the Moon.	**True**	**False**
There is one side of the Moon that you never see from Earth.	**True**	**False**
You weigh heavier on the Moon	**True**	**False**