

Matching Moon Phases

Read the description on the left and match it with the moon phase on the right. Please put the letter of the moon phase on the far left blank line and draw a line to the matching word.

Example:

1. b The opposite of dark is
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- a. gold
b. light

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| 1. _____ Moon is almost directly between the sun and Earth.
(start of cycle) | a. Waning Gibbous Moon |
| 2. _____ Moon is almost directly between the sun and Earth.
(cycle starts again) | b. Full Moon |
| 3. _____ A bit of the sunlit side of the moon shows, with the
sunlit side being on the right. | c. New Moon |
| 4. _____ Two weeks have passed since the new moon.
We see the entire face of the moon shining. | d. Waxing Crescent Moon |
| 5. _____ The moon is three-quarters of its way around Earth. | e. First Quarter Moon |
| 6. _____ The moon is a quarter of its way around Earth. | f. Waning Crescent Moon |
| 7. _____ A bit of the sunlit side of the moon shows with the
light side being on the left. | g. Last Quarter Moon |
| 8. _____ The moon is between full moon and last quarter. | h. Waxing Gibbous Moon |
| 9. _____ The moon is increasing in light between a
first quarter moon and a full moon. | i. Waning Gibbous Moon |
| 10. _____ The moon is decreasing in light between a full moon
and a last quarter moon. | j. New Moon |