

Oreo Moon Phases

Materials for each child:

8 Oreo® cookies









Paper towel

A plastic spoon and/or a plastic knife

Marker (optional)

Halve and scrape Oreo® cookies to illustrate Moon phases.

Then arrange cookies on the plate beginning with the New Moon and ending with the Waning Crescent Moon. The sun is at the centre.

<p>1</p>  <p>New Moon Completely (or almost completely) dark.</p>	<p>2</p>  <p>Waxing Crescent A small sliver of light on the right.</p>	<p>3</p>  <p>First Quarter (or Half) Moon The right half of the Moon is light.</p>
<p>4</p>  <p>Waxing Gibbous Three quarters of the right side of the Moon is light. The light is in the shape of a humpback (which is what the word "gibbous" means!)</p>	<p>5</p>  <p>Full Moon The entire Moon is bright.</p>	<p>6</p>  <p>Waning Gibbous Three quarters of the <i>left</i> side of the Moon is light.</p>
<p>7</p>  <p>Third Quarter (also Half) Moon The <i>left</i> half of the Moon is now light.</p>	<p>8</p>  <p>Waning Crescent A small sliver of light now appears on the <i>left</i> side.</p>	<p>Modified from <u>Paper Plate Education</u> Copyright ©2006 <u>Chuck Bueter</u> All rights reserved.</p>