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- 1. Sunspots are generally cooler than other parts of the Sun's surface. The umbra is around 4500 K, the penumbra is around 5500 K, and the photosphere is around 5800 k.
- The Zeeman effect is the effect of splitting of a spectral line into several components in the presence of a static magnetic field. The magnetic fields on the photosphere are able to be measured by using the Zeeman effect.
- 3. The Solar cycle is 22 years. After 11 years, the North/South order of leading/trailing sun spots is reversed, caused by reversal of magnetic polarity.
- 4. A parsec is the distance to a star with a parallax of 1 second of an arc. Parsec is not a speed but rather a distance.
- 5. In astronomy, the parallax is not the only way to measure distances, as there are other methods that can be used to determine distances that are particularly far away.