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The Sun-Earth-Moon System Vocabulary

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phase

the lit part of the moon or a planet that can be seen from earth

waxing phase

phases of the moon during which more of the moon's near side is lit each night

waning phase

phases of the moon during which less of the moon's near side is lit each night

umbra

the central, darker part of a shadow where light is totally blocked

penumbra

the lighter part of a shadow where light is partially blocked

solar eclipse

an occurrence during which the moon's shadow appears on earth's surface

rotation

the spin of an object around
its axis

rotation axis

the line on which an object
rotates

orbit

the path an object follows
as it moves around another
object

revolution

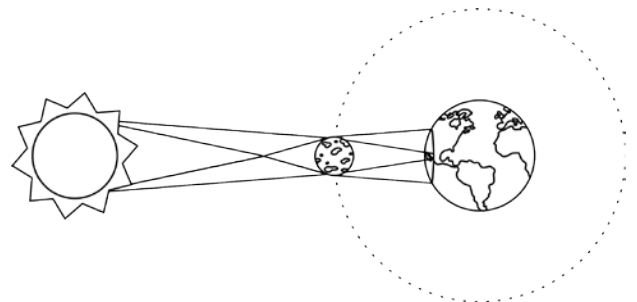
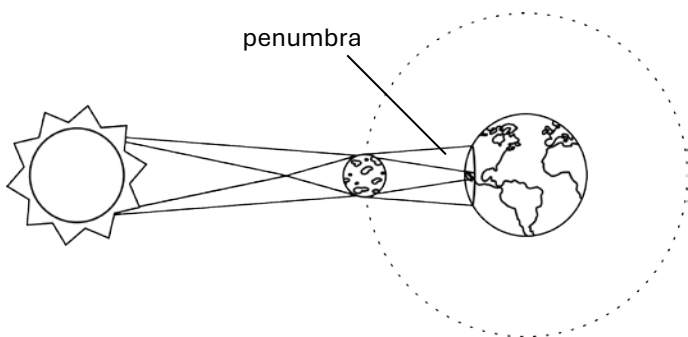
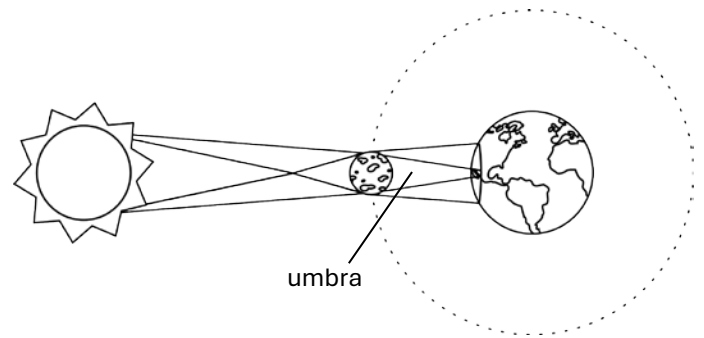
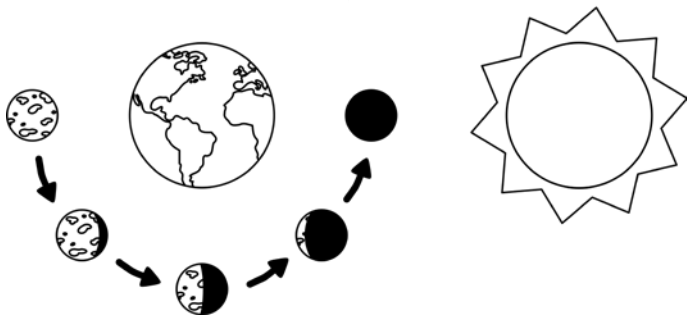
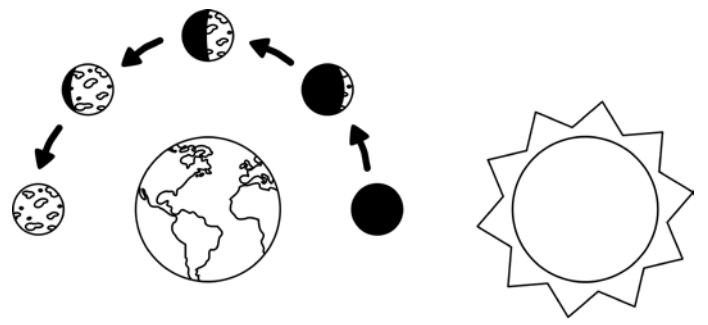
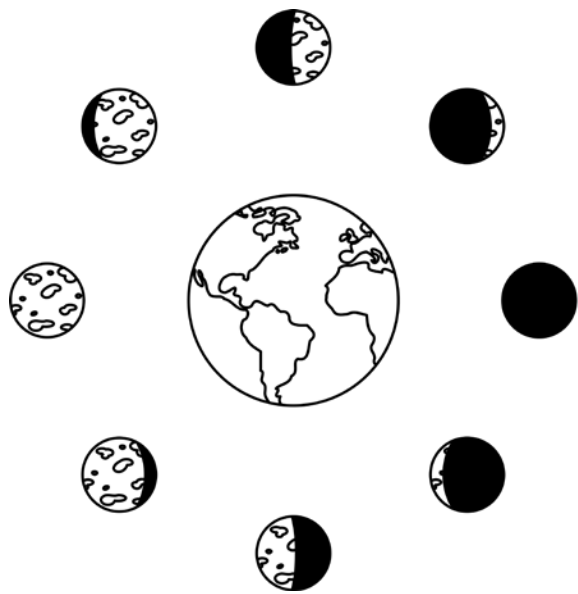
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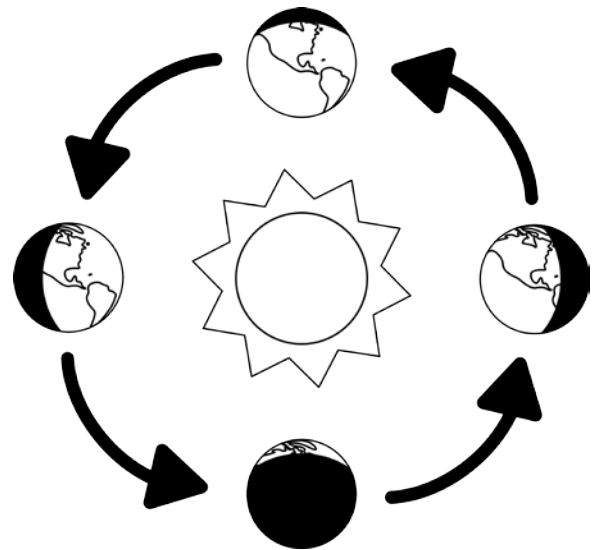
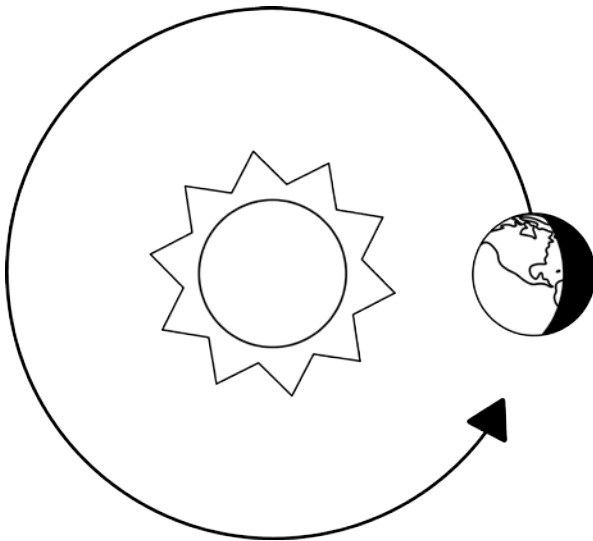
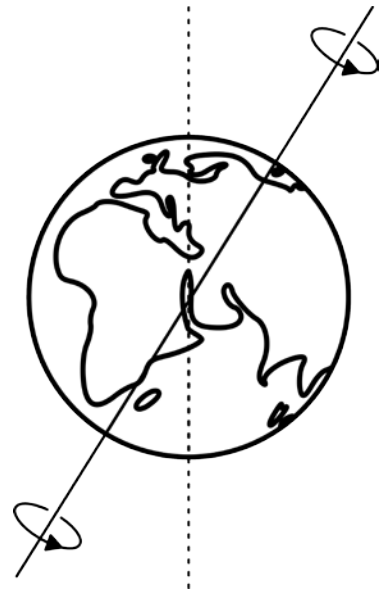
solstice

when earth's rotation axis is
tilted directly toward or
away from the sun

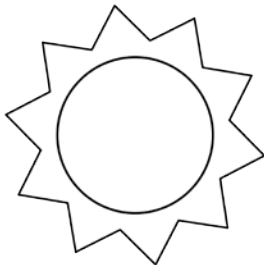
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when earth's rotation axis is
tilted neither toward nor
away from the sun





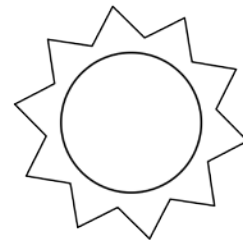
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solstice	_____’s path is farthest from the _____	
equinox	the _____ is right over the _____	
rotation	when earth _____ on its axis (it spins 1 time every _____ hours)	
rotation axis	the imaginary _____ the earth spins on	
orbit	the _____ the earth takes around the _____	
revolution	when _____ orbits around the _____ (takes 365.25 days for 1 orbit)	

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phase	the lit part of the _____ that can be seen from the earth	
waxing phase	phases of the moon when _____ of the lit side is seen every night	
waning phase	phases of the moon when _____ of the lit side is seen every night	
umbra	the central, _____ part of a shadow where _____ is totally blocked	
penumbra	the _____ part of a shadow where _____ is partially blocked	
solar eclipse	when the _____'s shadow appears on the earth's surface	
lunar eclipse	when the _____'s shadow appears on the moon's surface	

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THE SUN-EARTH-MOON SYSTEM VOCABULARY QUIZ

Fill in each blank with the correct vocabulary word. Use your word bank to help you spell each word correctly. Spelling counts!

The summer and winter _____ occur when the earth's path is farthest from the sun.

An _____ occurs when the sun is right over the equator.

A _____ of the earth occurs one time every 24 hours. (spinning)

The _____ is the imaginary line the earth spins on.

The earth's _____ is the path the earth takes around the sun.

One _____ around the sun takes the earth 365.25 days.



Look at the lit part of the moon to determine the moon's _____.

When the lit part of the moon is increasing each night, it is in the _____ phase.

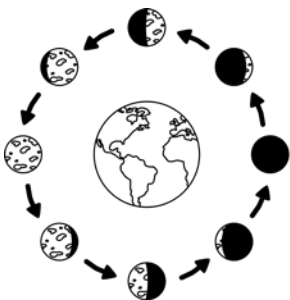
When the lit part of the moon is decreasing each night, it is in the _____ phase.

The _____ is the darkest part of a shadow. During an eclipse, this is what causes a total solar eclipse.

The prefix in the word _____ means almost or partially. This shadow causes partial solar eclipses.

A _____ occurs when the moon passes between the earth and sun. The sun cannot be seen during the day from a small part of earth.

A _____ occurs when the earth passes between the moon and sun, casting a shadow on the moon. This occurs at night.



Before you turn in your work:

- ☐ *Is your name on your paper?*
- ☐ *Did you check the spelling?*
- ☐ *Did you use each word one time?*

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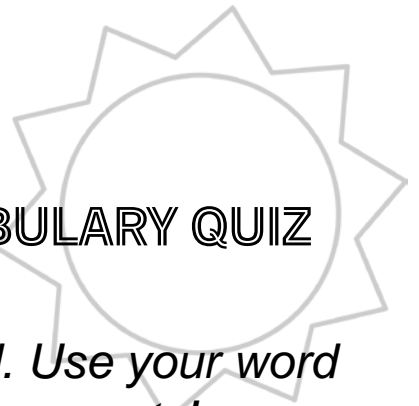
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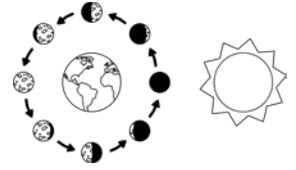


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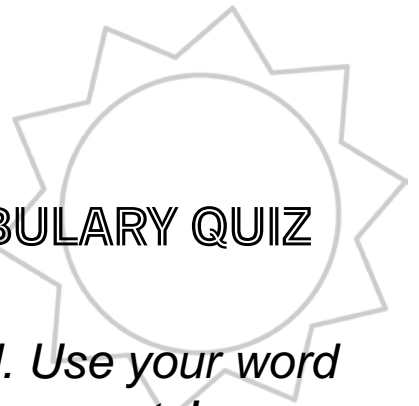
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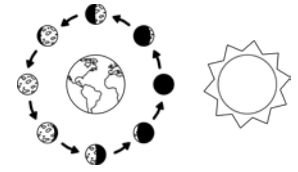


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