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Why the Moon seems to change

The Moon does not make its own light. It reflects sunlight. As the Moon travels around Earth, we see different amounts of its sunlit side. These changing views are called phases. The cycle from one new Moon to the next takes about 29.5 days.

Find the facts

1. Where does moonlight come from?

2. What do we call the changing views of the Moon?

3. About how long is a cycle from one new Moon to the next?

Source: NASA: Moon Phases (checked 27 November 2026)
https://science.nasa.gov/moon/moon-phases/