

The Moon Phases Poem

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*The moon is a sphere, big and white
It loves to reflect the sun's bright light.*

*It goes on a journey every 28th day
Around the Earth, a hide and seek game it will play.*

*In the beginning, it is new
Out of sight from me and you.*

*Then it waxes in white
as it grows on its right.*

*Waxing crescent and quarter, then gibbous too
When full, the phases are halfway through!*

*Now it flips to the left and starts to wane
As it fades away in its orbit lane.*

*Waning gibbous and quarter, then crescent too
Its completed its orbit and back to new!*

Extensions:

Here are a few ideas of activities you can conduct with your students in your classroom using *The Moon Phases Poem*:

- Have each student get with a partner and come up with their own poem about the moon
- Have each student find and list all vocabulary words they find in the poem and define them
- Have each student draw and color a picture that is inspired by the poem
(as an extra: have the students write a paragraph on what they find most interesting about the moon)

