

The Moon Project: Topic #4 – Time of Moonrise and Astronomical Place of the Moon

The Moon by Mary Barrett¹

*The Moon is really just one size
It always stays the same,
But here on Earth before our eyes,
We see it wax and wane.*

*The light grows larger every day
Exactly as it ought'er,
But logic tells us we must say
What looks like half is quarter.*

*The new moon we don't see at all,
But then there is a sliver,
The crescent moon is what we call
This slice that makes us quiver.*

*And then there's gibbous on its way
To full, the brightest face,
Then swiftly it begins to wane
'Til gone without a trace.*

*These changes happen every night;
Each month we see each phase
The moon intrigues us with its light
It truly does amaze.*

Dear God,

It is great the way you always get the stars in the right place. Why can't you do that with the moon?

Jeff (a young child)

Organization of the Moon Project (Worth a total of 85 points)

Part of Project	Point Value	Specific Requirements are on...
Observations and Graphs	25 points	p. 2–3
Written Paper and illustrations	50 points	p. 4–10
Your review of a classmate's paper	10 points	p. 10–12

Information, Tables, and Graphs	Where to find them
Tables in which to record your observations	p. 13–18
Graph for you to complete	Get the SC001 Chart from your lab instructor
Tables of moon facts	p. 19–23

¹ Mary Barrett is a school teacher in Berkeley, CA. This poem appeared in the Fall/Winter 1999 GEMS Network News. If you plan to teach elementary or junior high school, check out all the wonderful GEMS (Great Explorations in Math and Science) K–8 teacher's guides in math and science at <http://www.lhs.berkeley.edu/gems/gems.html>.

Purpose: This assignment is designed to give you the opportunity to...

- become intimately familiar with the various changes that the moon goes through each month and season.
- conduct a genuine scientific research project: to make systematic accurate observations and to use those observations to derive scientific conclusions WITHOUT “looking it up” somewhere.
- write a clear, complete, well-illustrated scientific paper that uses evidence and sound logical reasoning to reach a conclusion.

Question to Answer: Which way does the Moon revolve around Earth?

Yes, you can look this up in your textbook, online, or in a wide variety of other sources. The answer is well known. Your job is to prove it, using particular types of observations and a bit of logic.

Observations to Make for Topic #4

Where to Make Your Observations: The best place to make your observations is a large open area such as a sports field or parking lot, but anyplace will do as long as you can see the moon.

Required Number of Observations:

- You must observe the real moon at least 20 times.
- You must get onto Google Earth and record the location of the moon among the stars EVERY day for at least 30 days.

BEGIN YOUR OBSERVATIONS IMMEDIATELY! The sooner you start, the easier it will be. If you have trouble at first, keep trying; it gets easier. Don't worry if you don't understand what your observations mean; that's normal. No scientist ever fully understands his/her observations until s/he has had a chance to analyze a large set of them. Let yourself wonder and not know. Keep making careful observations and keep asking yourself what they are trying to tell you. The answer will come. It may slowly dawn on you or it may suddenly flash into your mind after weeks of frustration. But, if you keep trying, it will definitely come. Here's a hint: Why do you suppose I am requiring you to record the position of the moon on a star chart?

Suggested Times of Observations: Be sure to make each observation when the moon is up. Consult the “Moon Facts” tables below for times of moonrise and moonset. Please note: if you feel unsafe being outdoors at night, do your observations during the day—the moon is out during the day just as much as it is at night.

Data to Record: Record your data in the given tables. The first entry has been completed for you to serve as an example.

1. Record the date and time of each observation. **Be sure to include a.m. or p.m.** as appropriate.
2. Under “Sketch of Moon,” sketch the moon the way you see it in the sky by blackening the part of the moon that you can NOT see; leave the visible part of the moon white. Be sure to clearly show how the visible portion is “tilted” relative to the horizon (On the data table, imagine the horizon as a horizontal line on the bottom of the page.).

3. Under “Location of Moon,” draw and label the moon on the “Celestial Hemisphere” diagram provided. To understand what this diagram is showing, imagine yourself (represented by the stick figure) standing in a large, open field. The sky looks like a huge inverted bowl. The moon, sun, planets and stars look like objects that are moving on the inside surface of this bowl. Each day, the moon follows a path across the sky, known as the ecliptic and shown on the diagram as a gray arc that goes from east to west. The moon should plot somewhere on that arc.
4. Determine the place of the moon relative to the stars. Try to do this in the real sky—when the moon is small, this is sometimes easy. But definitely go on *Google Earth* EVERY DAY for at least 30 days and determine the location of the moon relative to the stars. To do this, open *Google Earth*² and click on the orange planet icon on the top of the screen, and then choose “sky” (not “moon,” strangely enough). Then, in the “Search the Sky” box in the upper left hand corner of the screen, type “moon.” Google Earth will show you where the moon is in relation to the stars, valid for the time when you perform the search (You can’t see where it’s been in the past or where it will be in the future.) The location of the moon is shown with a ☾ and with a photo of the moon (the moon always looks full in this photo, no matter what the actual moon phase is). You will have to zoom out to see the surrounding constellations. Once you have figured out exactly where the moon is in relation to the stars, plot it on the “SC001 Constellation Chart” (get this from your lab instructor), drawing it the way it looked in the real sky when you saw it. If you didn’t observe the actual moon that day, just mark an “X” at the moon location shown by *Google Earth*.

What to Graph

- The location of the moon on the “SC001 Constellation Chart” (see instructions above).

Due Date: The observations and graph will be due BEFORE the complete moon project is due. See your syllabus for the exact date.

What to Hand In: For the “Observations and Graphs” part of the moon project, hand in your original completed moon observation tables and your completed graph.

² If you don’t already have Google Earth, it download it for free from www.google.com/earth/index.html.

Requirements for the Written Paper

You will write this paper as if it were addressed to a group of early 17th century scientists in England (freshly released from the shackles of belief in an Earth-centered universe). A paper has recently been presented by Namffuak Krekyb Nna, asserting that the moon revolves around Earth from east to west (clockwise as viewed from above the North Pole). This paper is on pages 5-8. Your job is to either support or refute Nna's assertion, using your data as evidence. Use Nna's paper as a model for how to write your own; notice especially how she describes the reasoning that lead her from her data to her conclusion.

In your paper, you must...

1. State the direction of the Moon's revolution around Earth (clockwise or counterclockwise as viewed from above the North Pole).
2. **Clearly explain, in a logical way, the reasoning you used to get from YOUR topic-specific observations and graphs to your conclusion.** Read the boldface phrase again; I cannot emphasize this enough. Merely describing your data and then stating your conclusion is insufficient.

Please note: We will be doing a lab activity on the phases of the moon and eclipses. This lab involves figuring out which way the moon revolves around Earth by using your observations of which side of the moon is lit during the waxing and waning moon phases. **DO NOT** focus on this particular type of evidence in your paper; we do that in class. We want you to go beyond what we do in class and use your topic-specific data to support a conclusion.

3. If you refute Nna, you must also explain what's wrong with her data and/or reasoning.
4. Explain what makes the moon rise and set and why this apparent motion of the moon confuses our perception of the direction of the moon's revolution.
5. Illustrate your paper with at least one well-designed clearly annotated diagram that shows how your topic-specific evidence supports your conclusion.
6. Include all of your observations and graphs in your paper. Specifically refer to these in your paper.
7. All text must be typed. Each page must have a page number.
8. Hand-drawn diagrams and graphs are, however, perfectly acceptable.

The Paper You Must Support or Refute

Note: This paper meets all of the writing requirements of this project. Use it as a guide for writing your own paper (but don't assume that Nna is correct).

Irrefutable Proof that the Moon Revolves Around Earth from East to West

by Namffuak Krekyb Nna, D.hP., Presented in London on March 1, 1611

Introduction

I am presenting this paper to settle once and for all the ongoing dispute that has been raging in our midst about the direction of the Moon's revolution around Earth. I very meticulously and carefully observed the moon every day for a full 29 days and 29 nights between January 4 and February 1 in the Year of Our Lord 1611. These observations lead me to what I believe are irrefutable conclusions about (1) the direction of the revolution of the moon around Earth and (2) the period of its orbit.

Observations

In order to determine the direction and period of the moon's revolution around Earth, I observed and recorded the time and location of the moon (recorded as a compass direction) at moonrise, at its highest point, and at moonset. I did this every day between January 4th and February 1st (See Figure 1 for example data). During this period of time, each rising of the moon occurred within 20° of east (090° ± 20°), sometimes a little south of east, sometimes a little north of east. The moon then traveled gradually westward, following an arc across the southern sky (See Figure 2). This journey always culminated in the setting of the moon, generally in the west (270° ± 20°), sometimes a little south of west, sometimes a little north of west. This journey took anywhere between 9 hours, 24 minutes and 15 hours, 29 minutes (see Table 1 for daily figures); the average duration of this journey was 12 hours, 14 minutes. My data are summarized in Table 1.

Table 1: Location and Time of Moon Rise and Moon Set

Date	Moon Rise	Compass Direction of Moon at Moon Rise	Moon Set	Compass Direction of Moon at Moon Set	# of Hours the Moon is Up	Elapsed Time from Moon rise to Moon rise
4-Jan	7:40 AM	105°	5:35 PM	255°	9:55	
5-Jan	8:16 AM	102°	6:38 PM	258°	10:22	24:36
6-Jan	8:47 AM	098°	7:39 PM	261°	10:52	24:31
7-Jan	9:14 AM	095°	8:39 PM	264°	11:25	24:27
8-Jan	9:39 AM	092°	9:37 PM	267°	11:58	24:25
9-Jan	10:03 AM	088°	10:34 PM	270°	12:31	24:24
10-Jan	10:27 AM	085°	11:32 PM	273°	13:05	24:24
11-Jan	10:51 AM	083°	**	276°		24:24
12-Jan	11:18 AM	080°	12:31 AM	279°	13:40	24:27
13-Jan	11:49 AM	079°	1:31 AM	282°	14:13	24:31
14-Jan	12:26 PM	076°	2:32 AM	285°	14:43	24:37
15-Jan	1:10 PM	073°	3:34 AM	288°	15:08	24:34
16-Jan	2:02 PM	070°	4:34 AM	289°	15:24	24:52
17-Jan	3:04 PM	073°	5:31 AM	290°	15:29	25:02
18-Jan	4:13 PM	076°	6:22 AM	285°	15:18	25:09
19-Jan	5:26 PM	079°	7:07 AM	282°	14:54	25:13
20-Jan	6:41 PM	082°	7:46 AM	279°	14:20	25:15
21-Jan	7:55 PM	085°	8:20 AM	276°	13:39	25:14
22-Jan	9:09 PM	088°	8:51 AM	273°	12:56	25:14
23-Jan	10:22 PM	091°	9:22 AM	270°	12:13	25:13
24-Jan	11:34 PM	093°	9:52 AM	267°	11:30	25:12
25-Jan	*	095°	10:25 AM	264°	10:51	
26-Jan	12:45 AM	098°	11:02 AM	261°	10:17	25:11
27-Jan	1:54 AM	101°	11:43 AM	258°	9:49	25:09
28-Jan	3:00 AM	103°	12:31 PM	255°	9:31	25:06
29-Jan	4:00 AM	106°	1:24 PM	250°	9:24	25:00
30-Jan	4:53 AM	103°	2:23 PM	255°	9:30	24:53
31-Jan	5:38 AM	101°	3:24 PM	258°	9:46	24:45
1-Feb	6:16 AM	098°	4:26 PM	261°	10:10	24:38
<i>Averages</i>					12:14	24:50

*The moon didn't rise on this date. It rose early the next day.

**The moon didn't set on this date. It set early the next day.

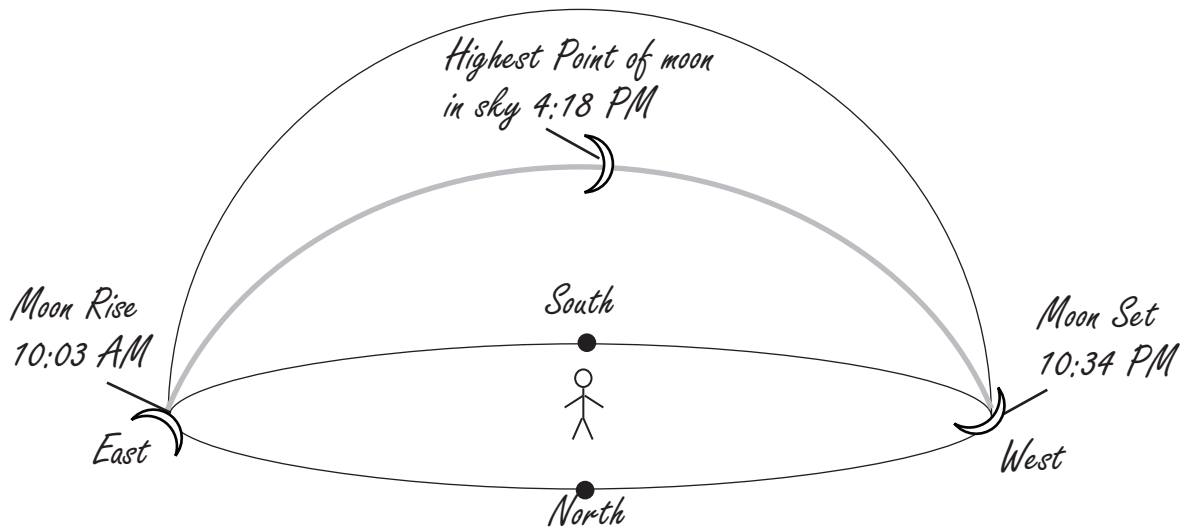


Figure 1: Example of the data collected. This example shows the location of moon and the time of day at moonrise, at the moon's highest point in the sky, and at moonset on January 9, 1611.

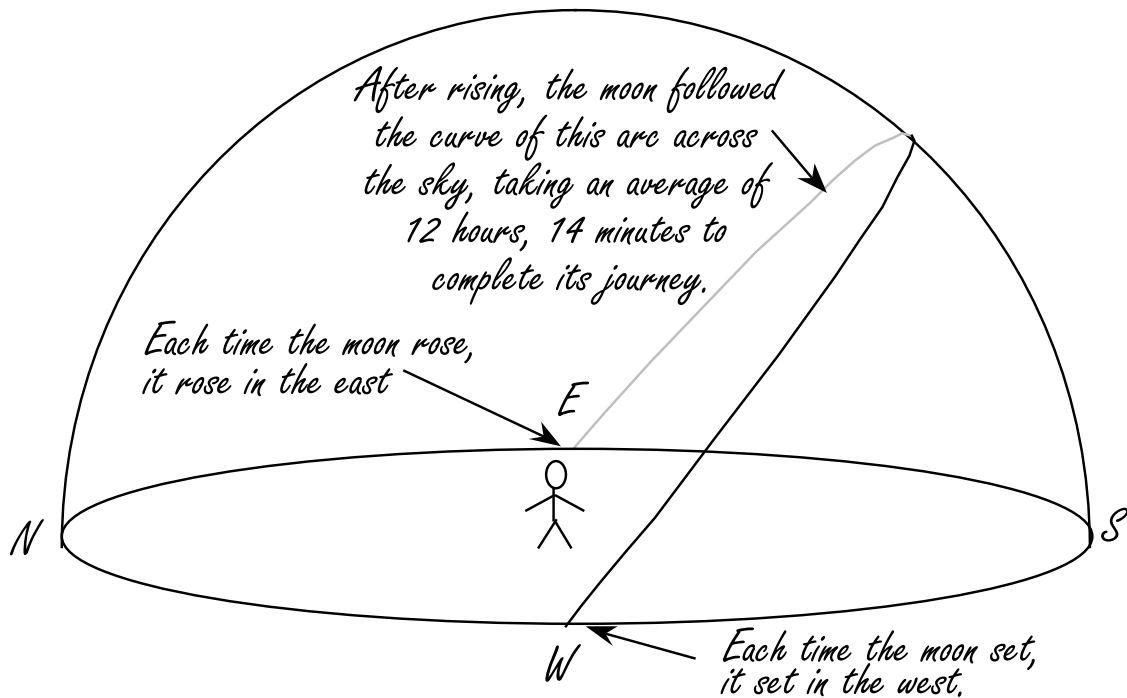


Figure 2: Diagram showing the daily path followed by the moon on its journey between moonrise and moonset.

Interpretation

I interpret this consistent gradual east-to-west movement of the moon across the sky as the revolution of the moon around Earth. I assert that every time the moon set in the west, it did not in fact disappear, but, rather, continued its journey around Earth, out of sight from my location in England (but visible in the American colonies and over the Pacific Ocean). When it had traveled far enough around Earth to once again be visible from England, those of us in England could then see the moon rising in the east (See Figure 3 for an illustration of this phenomenon).

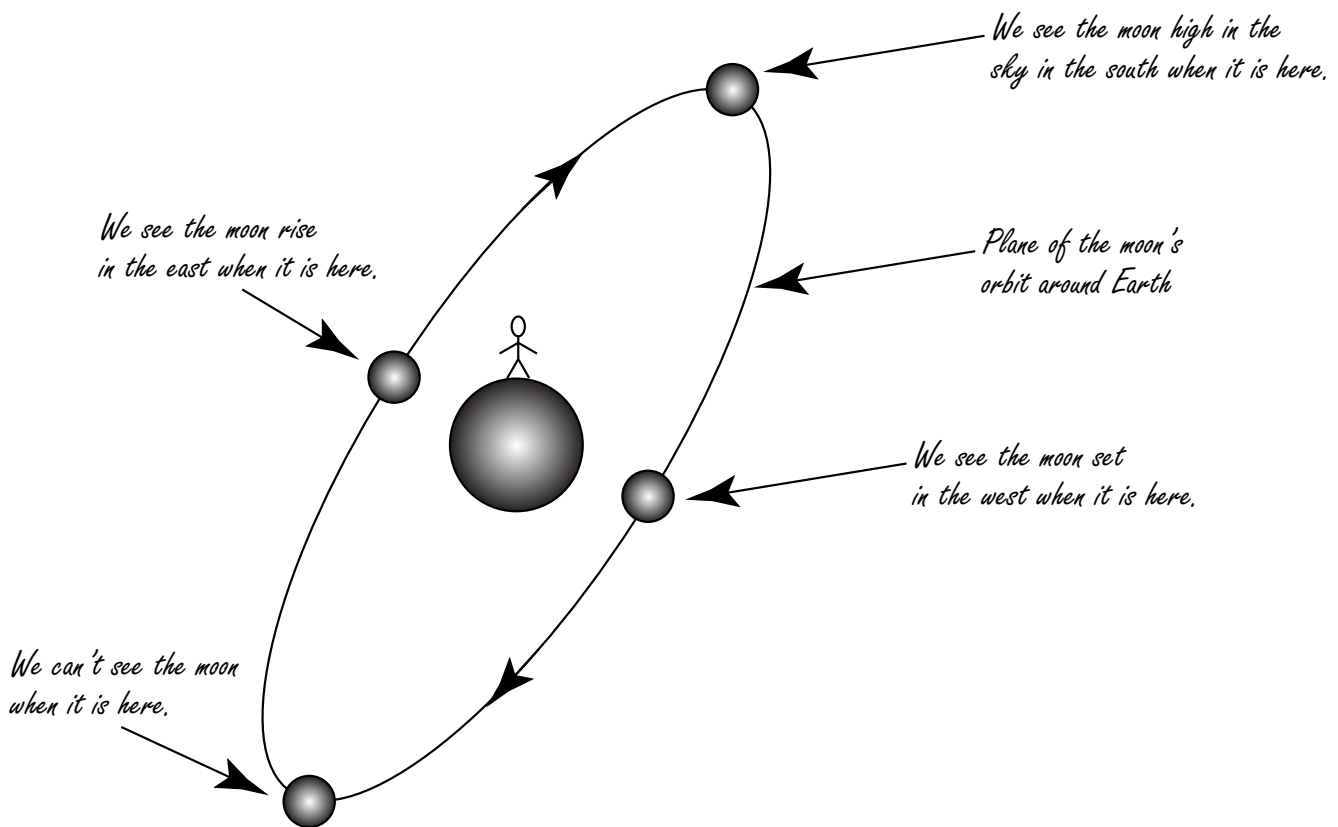


Figure 3: Diagram showing how the clockwise orbit of the moon around Earth is manifested as the moon rising in the east and setting in the west, as seen by a person in England.

The observations of the times of moonrise provide the evidence needed to derive the period of the moon's revolution. Table 1 shows the time elapsed between successive moonrise events between January 4 and February 1, 1611. The elapsed time between each successive pair of moonrise events varied between 24 hours, 24 minutes and 25 hours, 15 minutes. The average time interval between successive moonrise events was 24 hours, 50 minutes. My interpretation of these data is that the time between one moonrise and the next represents the time it took for the moon to complete one 360° revolution around the Earth (see Figure 3).

Conclusion

In conclusion, I interpret my observations to demonstrate that the moon revolves around the Earth from east to west and that its period of revolution averages 24 hours, 50 minutes. I now welcome the opportunity to argue my case with any person who has an alternative explanation for these observations.

Peer Reviews

Before you turn in your paper, you must...

1. Have a classmate conduct a peer review of your paper. This classmate must be working on a topic other than yours. After receiving the review, rewrite and improve the paper as needed.
2. Conduct a peer review of a classmate's paper. You will use the rubric on the following page for this purpose; circle the box that applies in each category. In addition, write as many specific suggestions as you can think of to help your classmate improve his/her paper and feel free to mark up your classmate's work with red (or any color) pen. And remember, "being nice" will not help him/her; specific constructive criticism will. Also, this review is worth points, so before you give it to your classmate, be sure to photocopy it so you can turn it in for credit.

Final Submission of Moon Project

Your final submission of your moon project must include (in order)...

1. Your observations and graph(s).
2. The final drafts of your paper and illustrations.
3. The first drafts of your paper and illustrations (the ones reviewed by a classmate).
4. The review of your first drafts completed by your classmate.
5. **Very Important!** A photocopy of the review you did of a classmate's paper—don't count on your classmate to include your review with his/her final submission of the moon project.

Use ordinary paper, stapled together. Be sure to make it possible for the reader to view any fold-out graphs or other illustrations without undoing the staples.

Writer's Name _____

Reviewer's Name _____

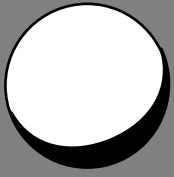
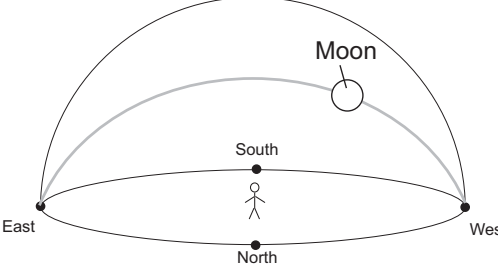
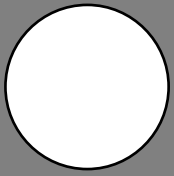
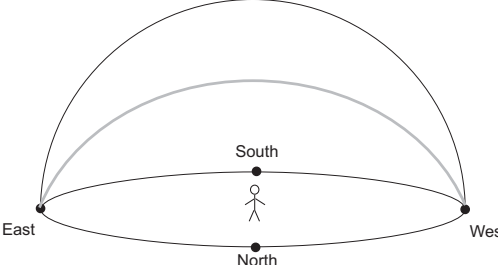
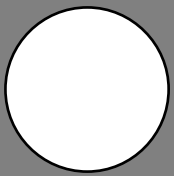
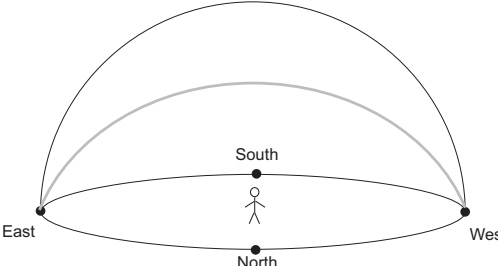
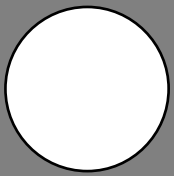
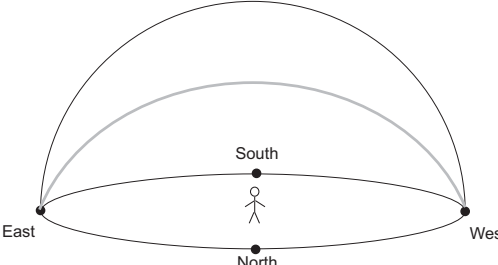
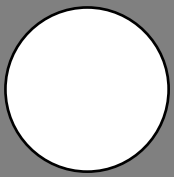
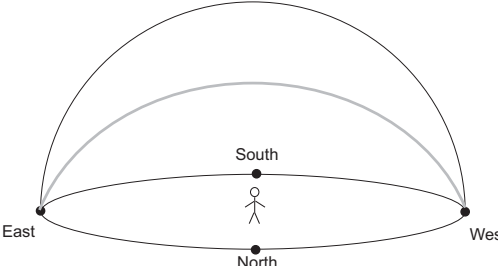
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Component	Weight ¹	Unacceptable (0-2)	Fair (3)	Good (4)	Excellent (5)	Points
Explanation	5	Explanation is incorrect and full of gaps. The logic is invalid and impossible to follow. The writer assumes far too much prior knowledge in reader.	Explanation is mostly correct. Gaps in logic or invalid logic make the explanation hard to follow. The writer assumes too much prior knowledge in the reader.	Explanation is correct but a little unclear or incomplete. There are a few gaps in logic. The writer assumes a bit too much prior knowledge in the reader.	The writer makes a strong irrefutable case for his/her answer, clearly and logically explaining how that answer is supported by the data collected and the graphs plotted.	
Diagram	3	Diagram is missing altogether or is useless because it illustrates something irrelevant to the explanations given in the text.	Diagram contains major factual errors or is unclear. Caption, labels or written explanation is poor or missing.	Diagram contains minor errors or is a bit unclear. Caption, labels or written explanation incomplete.	Diagram is neat, accurate and greatly aids in understanding the text. Caption, labels, and/ or written explanation clearly reveal what diagrams are showing.	
Grammar, spelling, capitalization, punctuation, etc.	2	Poorly worded. Meaning unclear. Full of errors.	Text is quite wordy or unclear. Spelling or grammar errors partially obscure the meaning of the text.	Text is a bit too wordy or is so concise as to be unclear. Some wording is awkward or contains grammar or spelling errors. Minor formatting errors.	The writing is elegant and original; creative analogies clarify concepts. Free of errors. Formatted according to instructions.	
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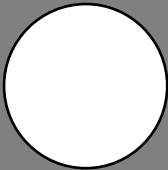
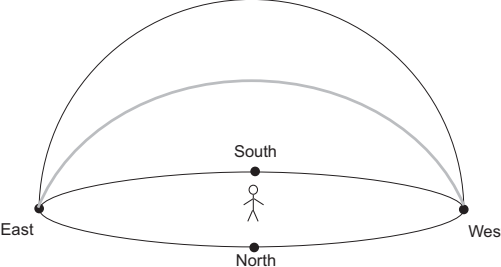
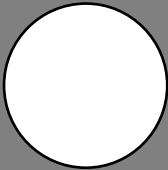
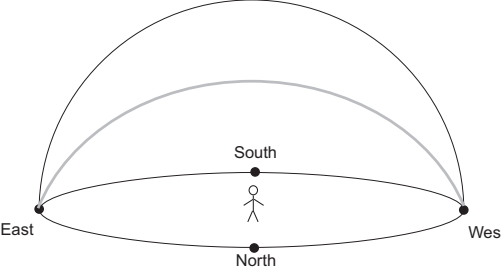
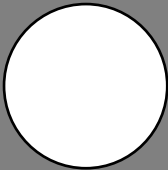
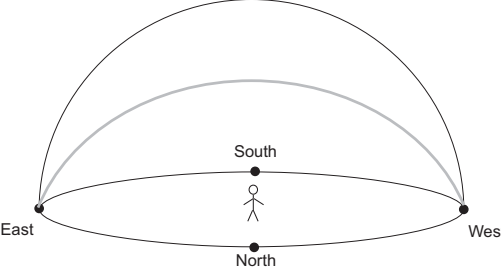
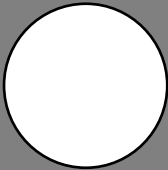
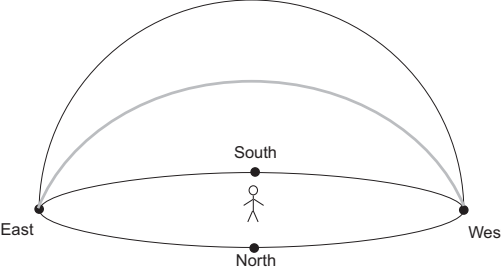
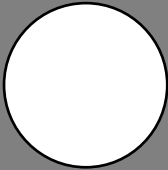
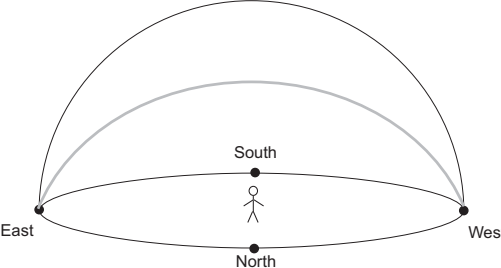
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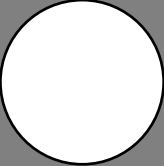
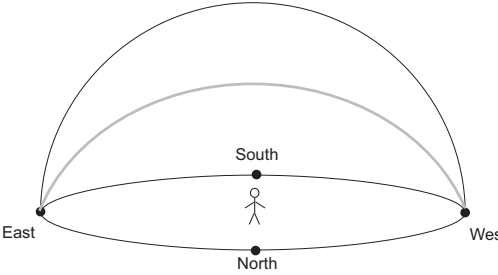
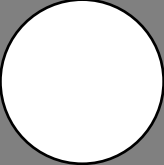
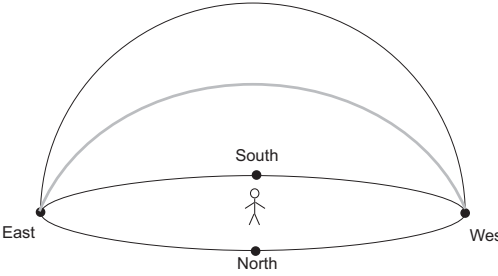
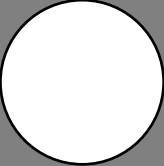
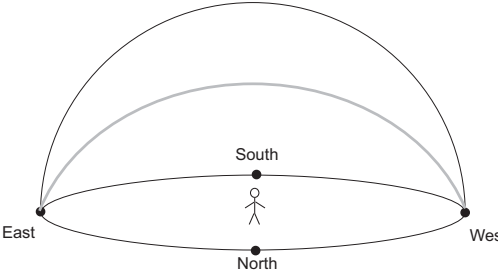
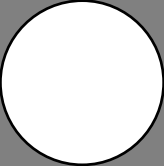
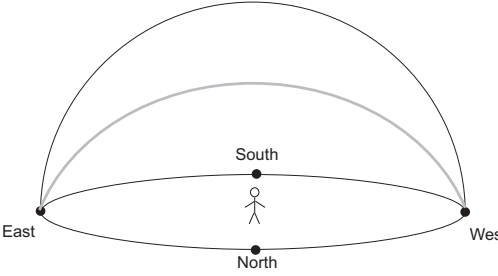
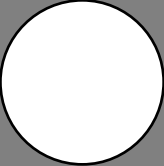
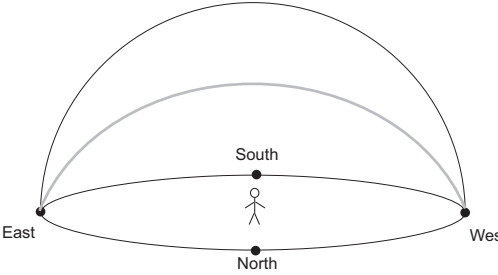
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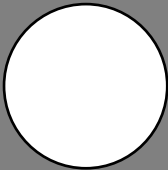
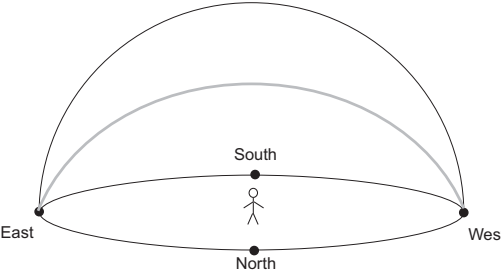
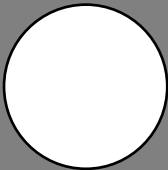
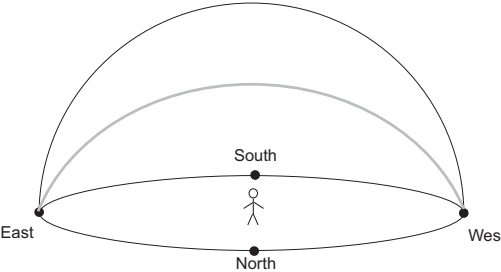
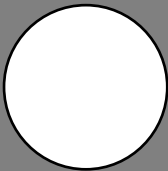
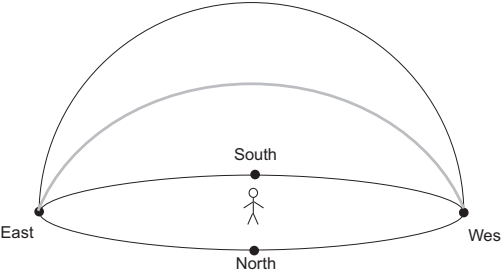
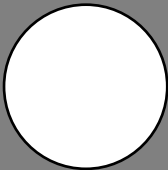
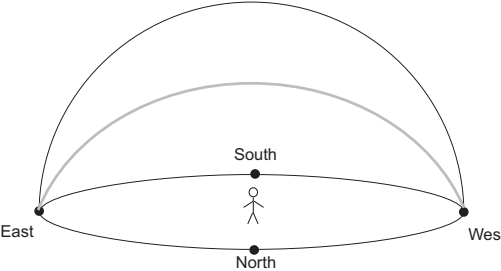
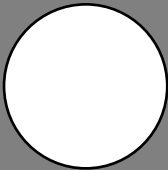
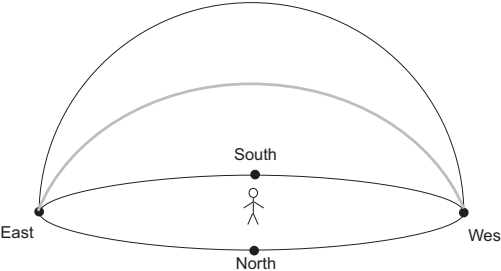
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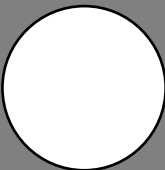
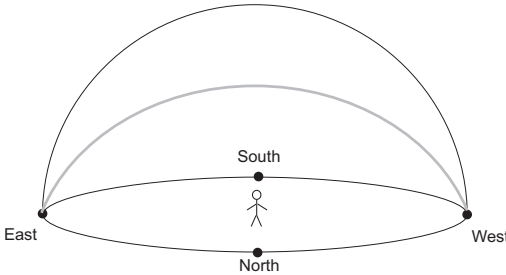
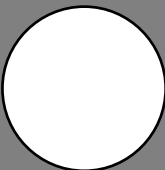
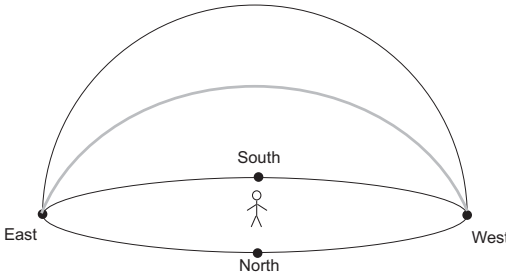
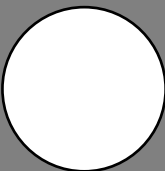
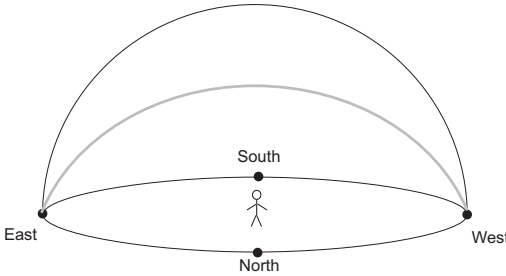
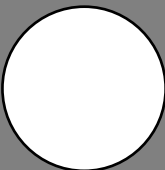
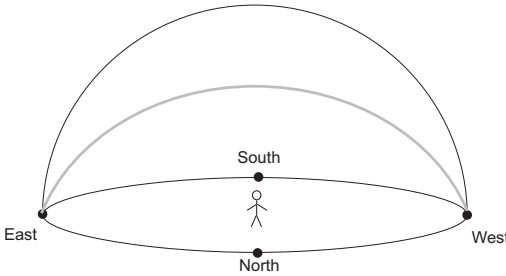
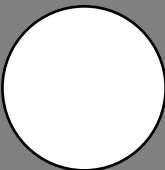
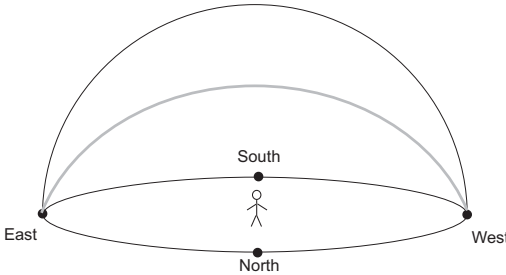
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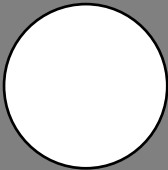
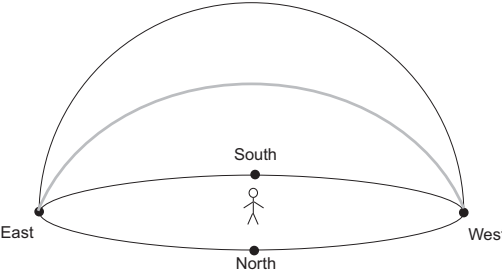
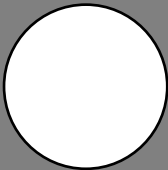
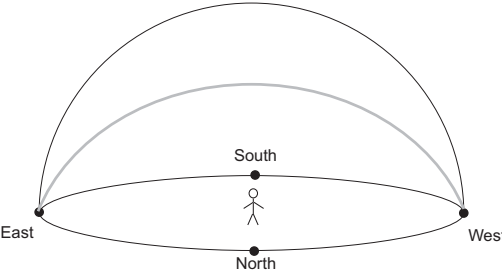
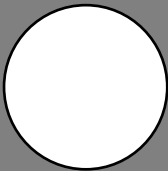
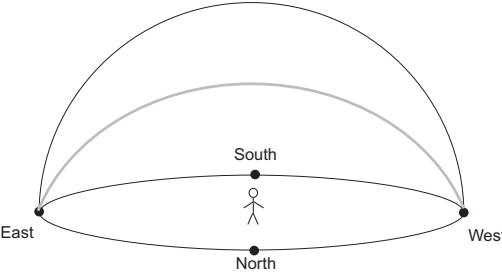
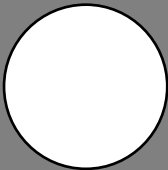
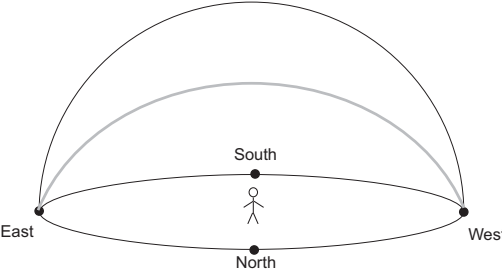
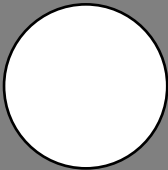
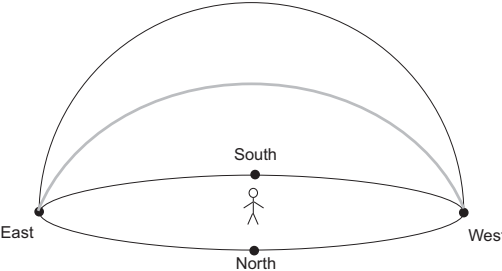
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Moon Facts for August, 2010

Date	Day of Week	Time of Sunrise	Time of Sunset	Time of Moonset	Time of Moonrise	Astronomical Place of the moon
1-Aug	Su.	6:06	8:20	12:32 PM	11:10 PM	Pisces
2-Aug	M.	6:07	8:19	1:34 PM	11:42 PM	Aries 
3-Aug	Tu.	6:08	8:18	2:37 PM	*	Aries
Date	Day of Week	Time of Sunrise	Time of Sunset	Time of Moonrise	Time of Moonset	Astronomical Place of the moon
4-Aug	W.	6:09	8:16	12:21 AM	3:41 PM	Taurus
5-Aug	Th.	6:10	8:15	1:08 AM	4:43 PM	Taurus
6-Aug	Fr.	6:10	8:14	2:05 AM	5:40 PM	Taurus
7-Aug	Sa.	6:11	8:13	3:11 AM	6:30 PM	Gemini
8-Aug	Su.	6:12	8:12	4:24 AM	7:13 PM	Gemini
9-Aug	M.	6:13	8:11	5:42 AM	7:50 PM	Cancer 
10-Aug	Tu.	6:14	8:09	6:59 AM	8:23 PM	Leo
11-Aug	W.	6:15	8:08	8:16 AM	8:54 PM	Sextans
12-Aug	Th.	6:16	8:07	9:32 AM	9:24 PM	Leo
13-Aug	Fr.	6:17	8:05	10:46 AM	9:55 PM	Virgo
14-Aug	Sa.	6:18	8:04	11:59 AM	10:29 PM	Virgo
15-Aug	Su.	6:19	8:03	1:09 PM	11:07 PM	Virgo
16-Aug	M.	6:20	8:01	2:17 PM	11:50 PM	Libra 
17-Aug	Tu.	6:21	8:00	3:19 PM	**	Scorpius
Date	Day of Week	Time of Sunrise	Time of Sunset	Time of Moonset	Time of Moonrise	Astronomical Place of the moon
18-Aug	W.	6:22	7:59	12:39 AM	4:15 PM	Ophiuchus
19-Aug	Th.	6:23	7:57	1:33 AM	5:03 PM	Sagittarius
20-Aug	Fr.	6:24	7:56	2:31 AM	5:43 PM	Sagittarius
21-Aug	Sa.	6:25	7:54	3:31 AM	6:18 PM	Sagittarius
22-Aug	Su.	6:26	7:53	4:32 AM	6:47 PM	Capricornus
23-Aug	M.	6:26	7:52	5:32 AM	7:13 PM	Aquarius
24-Aug	Tu.	6:27	7:50	6:30 AM	7:37 PM	Capricornus 
25-Aug	W.	6:28	7:49	7:28 AM	8:00 PM	Aquarius
26-Aug	Th.	6:29	7:47	8:26 AM	8:23 PM	Pisces
27-Aug	Fr.	6:30	7:46	9:25 AM	8:48 PM	Pisces
28-Aug	Sa.	6:31	7:44	10:24 AM	9:14 PM	Pisces
29-Aug	Su.	6:32	7:42	11:24 AM	9:44 PM	Pisces
30-Aug	M.	6:33	7:41	12:26 PM	10:19 PM	Aries
31-Aug	Tu.	6:34	7:39	1:29 PM	11:02 PM	Aries

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Moon Facts for September, 2010

Date	Day of Week	Time of Sunrise	Time of Sunset	Time of Moonset	Time of Moonrise	Astronomical Place of the moon
1-Sep	W.	6:35	7:38	2:30 PM	11:53 PM	Taurus 
2-Sep	Th.	6:36	7:36	3:27 PM	*	Taurus
Date	Day of Week	Time of Sunrise	Time of Sunset	Time of Moonrise	Time of Moonset	Astronomical Place of the moon
3-Sep	Fr.	6:37	7:35	12:53 AM	4:19 PM	Gemini
4-Sep	Sa.	6:38	7:33	2:01 AM	5:04 PM	Gemini
5-Sep	Su.	6:39	7:31	3:14 AM	5:43 PM	Cancer
6-Sep	M.	6:39	7:30	4:31 AM	6:18 PM	Cancer
7-Sep	Tu.	6:40	7:28	5:48 AM	6:50 PM	Leo
8-Sep	W.	6:41	7:27	7:04 AM	7:21 PM	Leo 
9-Sep	Th.	6:42	7:25	8:21 AM	7:53 PM	Virgo
10-Sep	Fr.	6:43	7:23	9:36 AM	8:26 PM	Virgo
11-Sep	Sa.	6:44	7:22	10:51 AM	9:04 PM	Virgo
12-Sep	Su.	6:45	7:20	12:02 PM	9:46 PM	Libra
13-Sep	M.	6:46	7:19	1:09 PM	10:34 PM	Libra
14-Sep	Tu.	6:47	7:17	2:08 PM	11:27 PM	Ophiuchus 
15-Sep	W.	6:48	7:15	2:59 PM	**	Ophiuchus
Date	Day of Week	Time of Sunrise	Time of Sunset	Time of Moonset	Time of Moonrise	Astronomical Place of the moon
16-Sep	Th.	6:49	7:14	12:25 PM	3:43 PM	Sagittarius
17-Sep	Fr.	6:50	7:12	1:25 AM	4:19 PM	Sagittarius
18-Sep	Sa.	6:51	7:10	2:25 AM	4:50 PM	Capricornus
19-Sep	Su.	6:52	7:09	3:25 AM	5:17 PM	Capricornus
20-Sep	M.	6:53	7:07	4:24 AM	5:42 PM	Capricornus
21-Sep	Tu.	6:53	7:05	5:22 AM	6:06 PM	Aquarius
22-Sep	W.	6:54	7:04	6:20 AM	6:29 PM	Pisces
23-Sep	Th.	6:55	7:02	7:18 AM	6:53 PM	Pisces 
24-Sep	Fr.	6:56	7:00	8:17 AM	7:19 PM	Pisces
25-Sep	Sa.	6:57	6:59	9:18 AM	7:48 PM	Pisces
26-Sep	Su.	6:58	6:57	10:19 AM	8:21 PM	Aries
27-Sep	M.	6:59	6:56	11:21 AM	9:01 PM	Aries
28-Sep	Tu.	7:00	6:54	12:22 PM	9:49 PM	Taurus
29-Sep	W.	7:01	6:52	1:19 PM	10:44 PM	Taurus
30-Sep	Th.	7:02	6:51	2:11 PM	11:47 PM	Taurus 

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Moon Facts for October, 2010

Date	Day of Week	Time of Sunrise	Time of Sunset	Time of Moonset	Time of Moonrise	Astronomical Place of the moon
1-Oct	Fr.	7:03	6:49	2:57 PM	*	Gemini
Date	Day of Week	Time of Sunrise	Time of Sunset	Time of Moonrise	Time of Moonset	Astronomical Place of the moon
2-Oct	Sa.	7:04	6:47	12:56 AM	3:38 PM	Gemini
3-Oct	Su.	7:05	6:46	2:08 AM	4:13 PM	Cancer
4-Oct	M.	7:06	6:44	3:22 AM	4:46 PM	Leo
5-Oct	Tu.	7:07	6:43	4:37 AM	5:17 PM	Sextans
6-Oct	W.	7:08	6:41	5:53 AM	5:48 PM	Leo
7-Oct	Th.	7:09	6:40	7:08 AM	6:20 PM	Virgo 
8-Oct	Fr.	7:10	6:38	8:24 AM	6:57 PM	Virgo
9-Oct	Sa.	7:11	6:36	9:39 AM	7:38 PM	Virgo
10-Oct	Su.	7:12	6:35	10:50 AM	8:25 PM	Libra
11-Oct	M.	7:13	6:33	11:54 AM	9:18 PM	Scorpius
12-Oct	Tu.	7:14	6:32	12:51 PM	10:15 PM	Ophiuchus
13-Oct	W.	7:15	6:30	1:38 PM	11:16 PM	Sagittarius
14-Oct	Th.	7:16	6:29	2:18 PM	**	Sagittarius 
Date	Day of Week	Time of Sunrise	Time of Sunset	Time of Moonset	Time of Moonrise	Astronomical Place of the moon
15-Oct	Fr.	7:17	6:27	12:17 AM	2:51 PM	Sagittarius
16-Oct	Sa.	7:18	6:26	1:17 AM	3:20 PM	Capricornus
17-Oct	Su.	7:19	6:24	2:16 AM	3:45 PM	Capricornus
18-Oct	M.	7:20	6:23	3:14 AM	4:09 PM	Aquarius
19-Oct	Tu.	7:21	6:22	4:12 AM	4:33 PM	Pisces
20-Oct	W.	7:22	6:20	5:10 AM	4:56 PM	Pisces
21-Oct	Th.	7:23	6:19	6:09 AM	5:22 PM	Pisces
22-Oct	Fr.	7:24	6:17	7:10 AM	5:50 PM	Pisces 
23-Oct	Sa.	7:25	6:16	8:11 AM	6:23 PM	Aries
24-Oct	Su.	7:27	6:15	9:14 AM	7:01 PM	Aries
25-Oct	M.	7:28	6:13	10:15 AM	7:47 PM	Taurus
26-Oct	Tu.	7:29	6:12	11:14 AM	8:40 PM	Taurus
27-Oct	W.	7:30	6:11	12:08 PM	9:41 PM	Taurus
28-Oct	Th.	7:31	6:10	12:55 PM	10:47 PM	Gemini
29-Oct	Fr.	7:32	6:08	1:36 PM	11:56 PM	Gemini
30-Oct	Sa.	7:33	6:07	2:12 PM	*	Cancer 
Date	Day of Week	Time of Sunrise	Time of Sunset	Time of Moonrise	Time of Moonset	Astronomical Place of the moon
31-Oct	Su.	7:34	6:06	1:07 AM	2:45 PM	Cancer

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Moon Facts for November, 2010

Date	Day of Week	Time of Sunrise	Time of Sunset	Time of Moonrise	Time of Moonset	Astronomical Place of the moon
1-Nov	M.	7:35	6:05	2:19 AM	3:15 PM	Leo
2-Nov	Tu.	7:37	6:04	3:31 AM	3:45 PM	Leo
3-Nov	W.	7:38	6:02	4:44 AM	4:16 PM	Virgo
4-Nov	Th.	7:39	6:01	5:58 AM	4:50 PM	Virgo
5-Nov	Fr.	7:40	6:00	7:13 AM	5:28 PM	Virgo 
6-Nov	Sa.	7:41	5:59	8:26 AM	6:12 PM	Libra
7-Nov	Su.	6:42	4:58	8:34 AM	6:03 PM	Scorpius
8-Nov	M.	6:43	4:57	9:36 AM	7:00 PM	Ophiuchus
9-Nov	Tu.	6:45	4:56	10:28 AM	8:01 PM	Sagittarius
10-Nov	W.	6:46	4:55	11:12 AM	9:04 PM	Sagittarius
11-Nov	Th.	6:47	4:54	11:49 AM	10:05 PM	Sagittarius
12-Nov	Fr.	6:48	4:54	12:20 PM	11:06 PM	Capricornus
13-Nov	Sa.	6:49	4:53	12:47 PM	**	Aquarius 
Date	Day of Week	Time of Sunrise	Time of Sunset	Time of Moonset	Time of Moonrise	Astronomical Place of the moon
14-Nov	Su.	6:50	4:52	12:05 AM	1:11 PM	Aquarius
15-Nov	M.	6:51	4:51	1:02 AM	1:35 PM	Aquarius
16-Nov	Tu.	6:52	4:50	2:00 AM	1:59 PM	Pisces
17-Nov	W.	6:54	4:50	2:58 AM	2:23 PM	Pisces
18-Nov	Th.	6:55	4:49	3:58 AM	2:51 PM	Pisces
19-Nov	Fr.	6:56	4:48	4:59 AM	3:22 PM	Pisces
20-Nov	Sa.	6:57	4:48	6:02 AM	3:59 PM	Aries
21-Nov	Su.	6:58	4:47	7:05 AM	4:42 PM	Aries 
22-Nov	M.	6:59	4:46	8:06 AM	5:34 PM	Taurus
23-Nov	Tu.	7:00	4:46	9:03 AM	6:34 PM	Taurus
24-Nov	W.	7:01	4:45	9:53 AM	7:39 PM	Gemini
25-Nov	Th.	7:02	4:45	10:36 AM	8:49 PM	Gemini
26-Nov	Fr.	7:03	4:44	11:14 AM	9:59 PM	Cancer
27-Nov	Sa.	7:05	4:44	11:47 AM	11:10 PM	Cancer
28-Nov	Su.	7:06	4:44	12:17 PM	*	Leo 
Date	Day of Week	Time of Sunrise	Time of Sunset	Time of Moonrise	Time of Moonset	Astronomical Place of the moon
29-Nov	M.	7:07	4:43	12:20 AM	12:46 PM	Leo
30-Nov	Tu.	7:08	4:43	1:30 AM	1:16 PM	Virgo

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Moon Facts for December, 2010

Date	Day of Week	Time of Sunrise	Time of Sunset	Time of Moonrise	Time of Moonset	Astronomical Place of the moon
1-Dec	W.	7:09	4:43	2:42 AM	1:47 PM	Virgo
2-Dec	Th.	7:10	4:43	3:53 AM	2:22 PM	Virgo
3-Dec	Fr.	7:11	4:42	5:05 AM	3:03 PM	Libra
4-Dec	Sa.	7:12	4:42	6:15 AM	3:50 PM	Libra
5-Dec	Su.	7:12	4:42	7:19 AM	4:44 PM	Ophiuchus 
6-Dec	M.	7:13	4:42	8:16 AM	5:44 PM	Ophiuchus
7-Dec	Tu.	7:14	4:42	9:04 AM	6:47 PM	Sagittarius
8-Dec	W.	7:15	4:42	9:44 AM	7:50 PM	Sagittarius
9-Dec	Th.	7:16	4:42	10:18 AM	8:52 PM	Capricornus
10-Dec	Fr.	7:17	4:42	10:47 AM	9:52 PM	Aquarius
11-Dec	Sa.	7:18	4:42	11:13 AM	10:51 PM	Capricornus
12-Dec	Su.	7:18	4:43	11:37 AM	11:49 PM	Aquarius
13-Dec	M.	7:19	4:43	12:00 Noon	**	Pisces 
Date	Day of Week	Time of Sunrise	Time of Sunset	Time of Moonset	Time of Moonrise	Astronomical Place of the moon
14-Dec	Tu.	7:20	4:43	12:46 AM	12:24 PM	Pisces
15-Dec	W.	7:21	4:43	1:45 AM	12:50 PM	Pisces
16-Dec	Th.	7:21	4:44	2:45 AM	1:19 PM	Pisces
17-Dec	Fr.	7:22	4:44	3:47 AM	1:53 PM	Aries
18-Dec	Sa.	7:23	4:44	4:49 AM	2:34 PM	Aries
19-Dec	Su.	7:23	4:45	5:52 AM	3:23 PM	Taurus
20-Dec	M.	7:24	4:45	6:51 AM	4:20 PM	Taurus
21-Dec	Tu.	7:24	4:46	7:45 AM	5:25 PM	Taurus 
22-Dec	W.	7:25	4:46	8:33 AM	6:35 PM	Gemini
23-Dec	Th.	7:25	4:47	9:13 AM	7:48 PM	Cancer
24-Dec	Fr.	7:26	4:47	9:49 AM	9:00 PM	Cancer
25-Dec	Sa.	7:26	4:48	10:20 AM	10:11 PM	Leo
26-Dec	Su.	7:26	4:49	10:50 AM	11:22 PM	Sextans
27-Dec	M.	7:27	4:49	11:19 AM	*	Leo 
Date	Day of Week	Time of Sunrise	Time of Sunset	Time of Moonrise	Time of Moonset	Astronomical Place of the moon
28-Dec	Tu.	7:27	4:50	12:33 AM	11:50 AM	Virgo
29-Dec	W.	7:27	4:51	1:43 AM	12:23 PM	Virgo
30-Dec	Th.	7:27	4:51	2:53 AM	1:00 PM	Virgo
31-Dec	Fr.	7:28	4:52	4:02 AM	1:44 PM	Libra

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