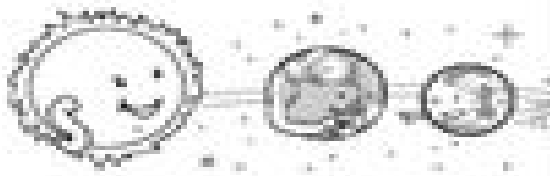


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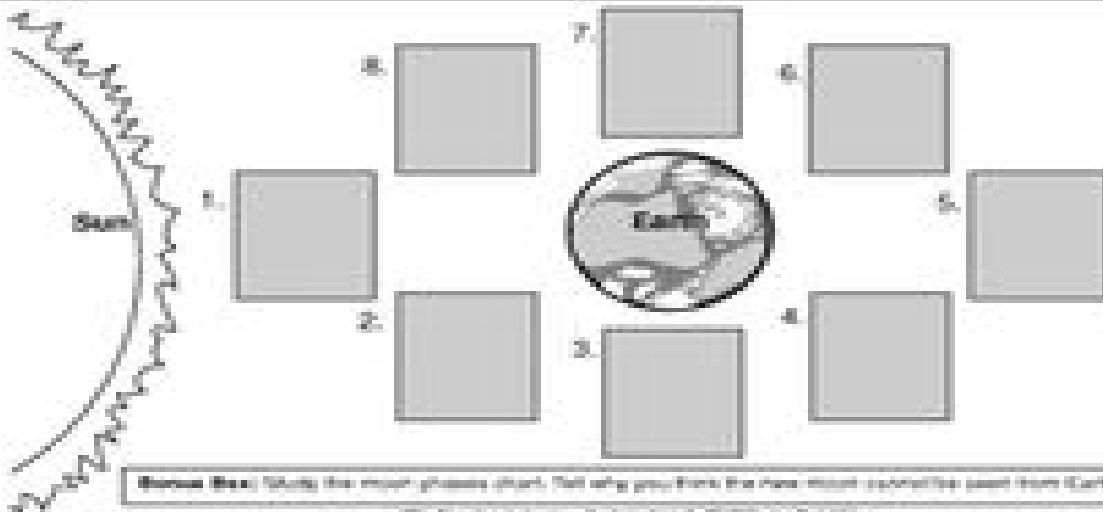
The moon orbits, or moves, around the earth. How the moon looks from the earth changes from night to night. These changes are called the phases of the moon. As the moon goes through its phases, you can only see the part of the moon that reflects light from the sun.

Cut out the moon phases below. Then read the moon clues. Give the phases of the moon in order around the earth.



Moon Clues

- The moon starts as a new moon.
- The moon starts waxing, or growing larger, until it is a full moon.
- The first quarter moon is after the waxing crescent moon.
- The full moon starts waning, or growing smaller, until it is a new moon again!



Brain Box: Study the moon phases chart. Tell why you think the new moon appears as seen from Earth.

