

Directions for Moon Phases 3-Part Cards

1. Print out copy of 3 part cards and control cards

Laminate for durability.

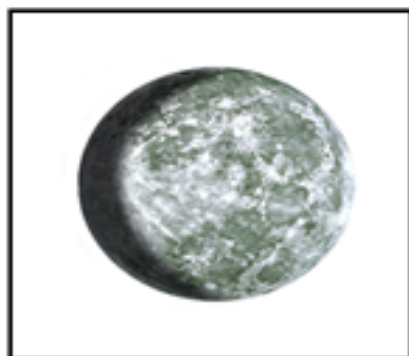
Cut apart description and labels from 3 part cards.

2. As an introductory lesson, students can match the correct picture to the control card and then find the label and description that matches the correct picture.

*** Students can actually place the picture on top of the picture, description on top of the description and label on top of the label in the introductory phase.

3. For more advanced work, student keeps control cards facing down and then matches the description and label to the picture without the assistance of the control card.

After all pictures, descriptions, and labels are matched, student checks work with control cards.



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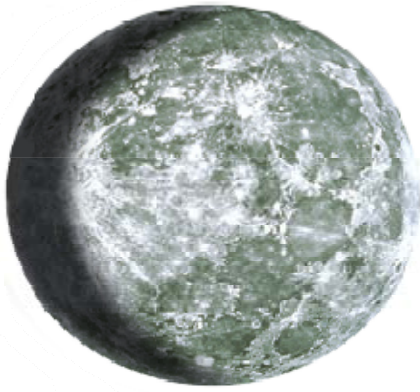
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