

Paper Plate Education

"Serving the Universe on a Paper Plate"

Activity: More Faux Phases II

Children's picture books often depict the moon's phase in error. See [Bad Moons Rising](#) for an explanation of these erroneous illustrations.

	Title Author/Illustrator Publisher	The Story	What's wrong with this picture?
	<i>Bats Around the Clock</i> Author: Kathi Appelt Illustrator: Melissa Sweet Harper Collins Publishers	"The clock struck twelve...and the midnight hour ended..." Afterward, everyone went home.	
	<i>Ghost's Hour, Spook's Hour</i> Author: Eve Bunting Illustrator: Donald Carrick Clarion Books	At "twelve o'clock, midnight" the nearly full moon is low and casting "moon shadows on the ceiling."	
	<i>The Moon Seems to Change</i> Author: Franklyn M. Branley Illustrators: Barbara and Ed Emberley Harper & Row, Publishers, Inc.	This otherwise excellent book on moon phases suggests a waning crescent can only be seen "at night-- long after we're usually asleep." It also takes the liberty of omitting the gibbous phase in its list.	
	<i>Petey's Bedtime Story</i> Author: Beverly Cleary	Presumably in the evening (suggested by events in the	



Illustrator: David Small
William Morrow and Company, Inc.

story) the father drives to the hospital.



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A moon is visible low on the horizon throughout the story. Shown are Day Eight of an adventure and two days later at Day Ten.



Why Does the Moon Change Its Shape?

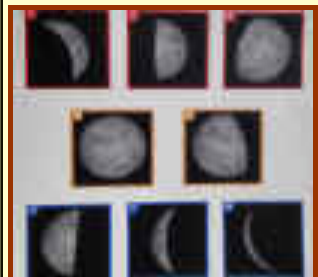
Author: Patricia Murphy

The Rosen Publishing Group, Inc.

Two images are described as the near side and far side of the moon.

A series of images depict the phases of the moon.

Image accompanies description of a lunar eclipse.



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