GEOGRAPHY AND HISTORY 1º ESO

NAME:_____ GROUP:_____

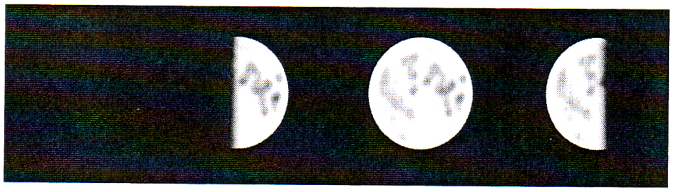
READ THE TEXT.

THE MOON

The moon is a satellite. We sometimes see it in the sky at night. It seems to be quite close, but the moon is actually 383,000 kilometres from Earth.

The moon orbits Earth in 29 days. We call this period a lunar month. There are 13 lunar months in a year.

The moon appears to have different shapes during the lunar month. These are called the phases of the moon. We don't see the moon at the beginning of a lunar month – we call this the new moon. We can see half of the moon seven days later. We see a full moon in the middle of the month and we see a half moon again during the last days of the lunar month.



new moon | half moon (first quarter) | full moon | half moon (last quarter)

1 **Complete the sentences according to the text.**

1. The moon is ..... away from Earth.
2. The moon takes ..... to travel around Earth.
3. There are 13 ..... in a year.
4. We see a ..... in the middle of the lunar month.

2 **There are 13 lunar months, but the months we use are called calendar months. Learn this poem about the months.**

Thirty days have September,
April, June and November.
All the rest have thirty-one,
Except February alone,
Which has twenty-eight days clear,
And twenty-nine each leap year.

Let's Investigate

Use an encyclopedia or the Internet.
Find out what a lunar eclipse is. Write a short explanation.

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