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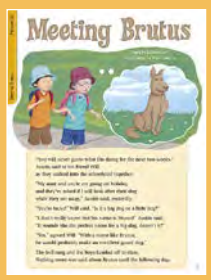
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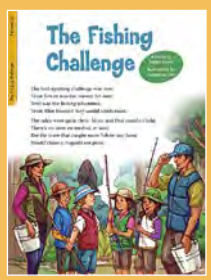
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Meeting Brutus

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"You will never guess what I'm doing for the next two weeks," Austin said to his friend Will, as they walked into the schoolyard together.

"My aunt and uncle are going on holiday, and they've asked if I will look after their dog while they are away," Austin said, excitedly.

"You're lucky!" Will said. "Is it a big dog or a little dog?"

"I don't really know, but his name is Brutus!" Austin said. "It sounds like the perfect name for a big dog, doesn't it?"

"Yes," agreed Will. "With a name like Brutus, he would probably make an excellent guard dog."

The bell rang and the boys headed off to class. Nothing more was said about Brutus until the following day.





The next morning, on the way to school, Will ran to catch up with Austin.
"Have you got Brutus yet?" called Will.

"Yes, we have," replied Austin, smiling. "Aunt Emily and Uncle Scott brought him around last night."

"Well, tell me about him," said Will.

"The first thing I noticed was his sharp teeth," said Austin. "He doesn't bite, but I'm being very nice to him, just to be sure!"

"Does Brutus eat a lot?" Will asked, his eyes wide with excitement.

"Oh, just the usual amount for a dog of his size," Austin replied.

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"Did you take Brutus for a walk?" Will asked.

"Yes, I did. But Dad had to come with me.
Brutus doesn't like being on a lead,
so he keeps pulling to go a different way.
I think he is used to running around in his backyard
to get the exercise he needs," Austin explained.

"You are probably right," said Will.

"Perhaps you should come around to my house
on Saturday afternoon to meet Brutus?" said Austin.

"Thanks," said Will, "that would be great!"

"But come to the front door," said Austin. "That will be safer."

Austin was looking forward to showing Brutus to Will.
He knew how much Will wanted to have a dog of his own.

At about 3 o'clock on Saturday afternoon,
Will arrived at Austin's house.
He looked anxiously through the fence and into the backyard,
hoping he might be able to see Brutus.

Austin's mother opened the front door.
"Have you come to visit 'the beast'?" she asked with a smile,
as Will walked inside.

"Yes," said Will. "I'd love to have a big dog,
but Dad says our yard is too small."

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Just then, there was a high-pitched yap,
and a tiny dog came darting into the family room.

"Hello, there!" Will said, reaching down to pat the little dog.
"Austin, I didn't realise you had two dogs!"

"No, we don't ..." said Austin, with a grin. "This is Brutus!"

Will began to laugh. "That was my mistake," he said.
"I was sure Brutus must have been a *big* dog
with a name like that!"

Austin was laughing, too.
"Do you think you'll be strong enough
to help me take 'the beast'
for a walk down to the park?"



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Retell this Narrative

Read this story again.
Record yourself as you retell the story.
Listen to the recording.
Check! Did you remember most things in the story?

Questions about *Meeting Brutus*

1 Why did Will think Brutus was a big dog?
2 Why did Austin say he was being very nice to Brutus?
3 Why did Dad go with Austin when he took Brutus for a walk?
4 Why did Austin tell Will to come to the front door of the house?
5 Why was Will anxious when he looked through the fence?
6 Why did Austin and his mum call Brutus 'the beast'?
7 Why did Will think Austin had two dogs?
8 How did Austin trick Will into thinking Brutus was a big dog?
9 Why did Austin ask Will if he thought he was strong enough to take Brutus for a walk?

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The Moon

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The dark areas of the Moon are called "maria", or seas. They are filled with dark rocks, not water.

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Earth's Moon

Earth has one moon. It can sometimes be seen in the sky.
The Moon is the brightest object in the sky after the Sun.
The Moon is smaller than Earth.

The Moon is shaped like a ball.
It has a grey surface that is made of rock and dust.
There are mountains, valleys and volcanoes on the Moon,
as well as holes, called "craters".
Some craters are tiny, and some are huge.
The craters were made when lumps of rock and metal
fell from space and hit the Moon.

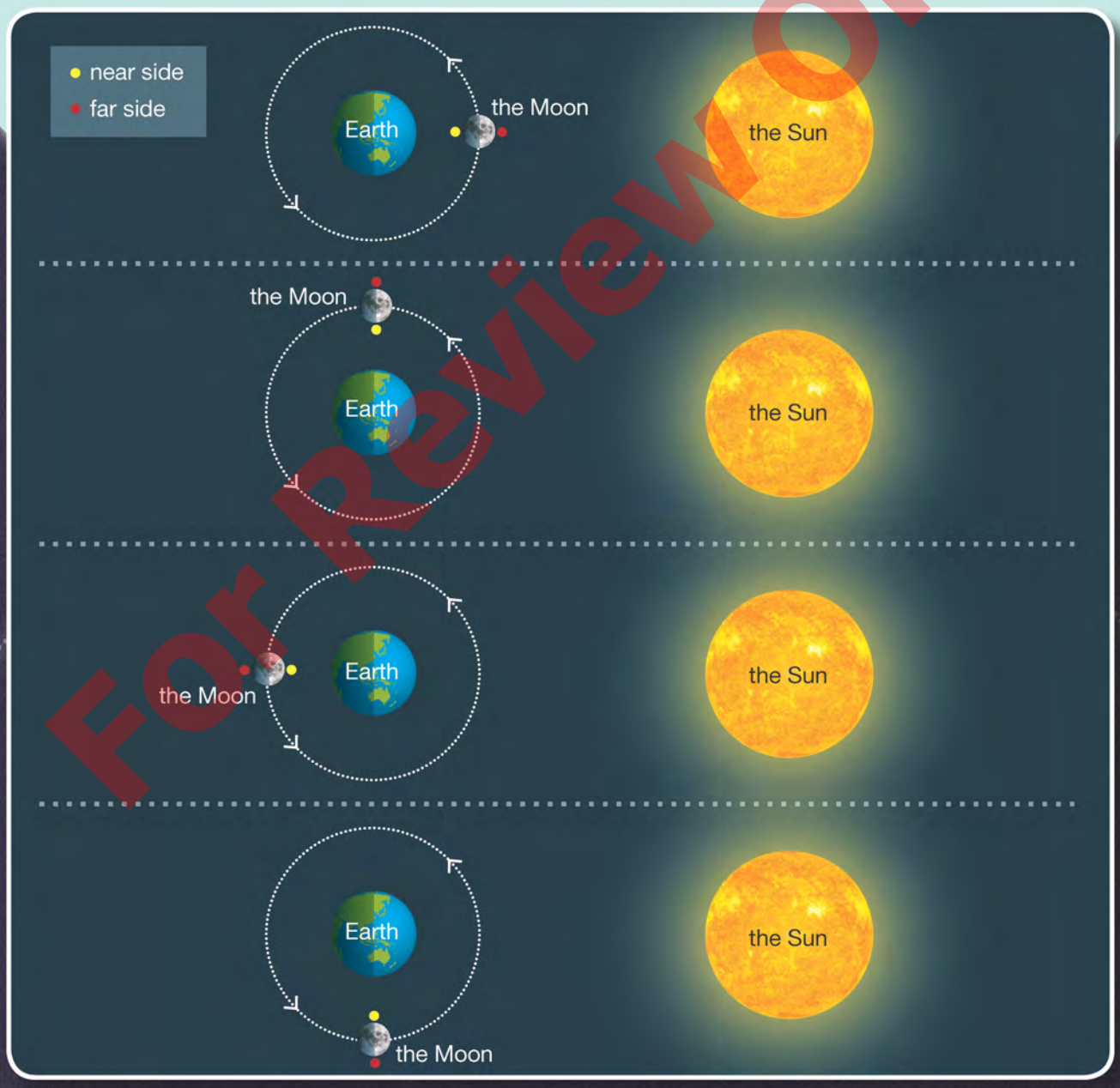
There is no life on the Moon.
There is no air or water, although ice has been found.
The Moon gets very cold and very hot.

Orbiting Earth

The Moon orbits, or moves around, Earth.
It takes about one month for the Moon to orbit Earth once.

While the Moon orbits Earth, it also spins on its axis.
It takes about one month for the Moon to spin around once.

The Moon has two sides: the near side and the far side.
The near side of the Moon always faces Earth.
The far side cannot be seen from Earth.



The Moon spins on its axis as it orbits Earth. The same side of the Moon always faces Earth.

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The Phases of the Moon

The Moon makes no light of its own.
It shines because it reflects the Sun's light.

As the Moon orbits Earth,
sunlight falls on different parts of it at different times.
From Earth, the Moon appears to change shape.
The different shapes of the Moon are called "phases".

The main phases of the Moon are:

New Moon

When the Moon is between Earth and the Sun, the Moon looks dark. This is a New Moon.



Half Moon

A Half Moon looks like half a circle.
A Half Moon can be seen after a New Moon and also after a Full Moon.



Full Moon

When Earth is between the Moon and the Sun, the Moon looks like a circle. This is a Full Moon.



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People on the Moon

The Moon is billions of years old.

In 1969, astronauts landed on the Moon for the first time.
They wore spacesuits to stay alive.
The first people to walk on the Moon
were Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin.
Neil Armstrong's famous words were:
"That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind."

The Moon's gravity is much less than Earth's gravity.
It was easy for astronauts walking on the Moon to take huge steps.
Astronauts also travelled over the Moon in special cars called "rovers".

Since 1969, twelve astronauts have walked on the Moon.
One day in the future, people may be able to live on the Moon.



Buzz Aldrin was the second man to walk on the moon. Neil Armstrong took this famous photo of him.

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Retell this Description

Read this description again.
Record yourself as you retell the description.
Listen to the recording.
Check! Did you remember most things in the description?

Questions about *The Moon*

1 How many moons orbit Earth?
2 Why is the Sun the brightest object in the sky?
3 How were the craters on the Moon made?
4 Why are there no plants or animals on the Moon?
5 How long does it take for the Moon to orbit Earth?
6 Why does the Moon look dark when it is between Earth and the Sun?
7 Why does a Half Moon look like half a circle?
8 How did the spacesuits keep the astronauts alive?
9 What did Neil Armstrong's famous words mean?

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