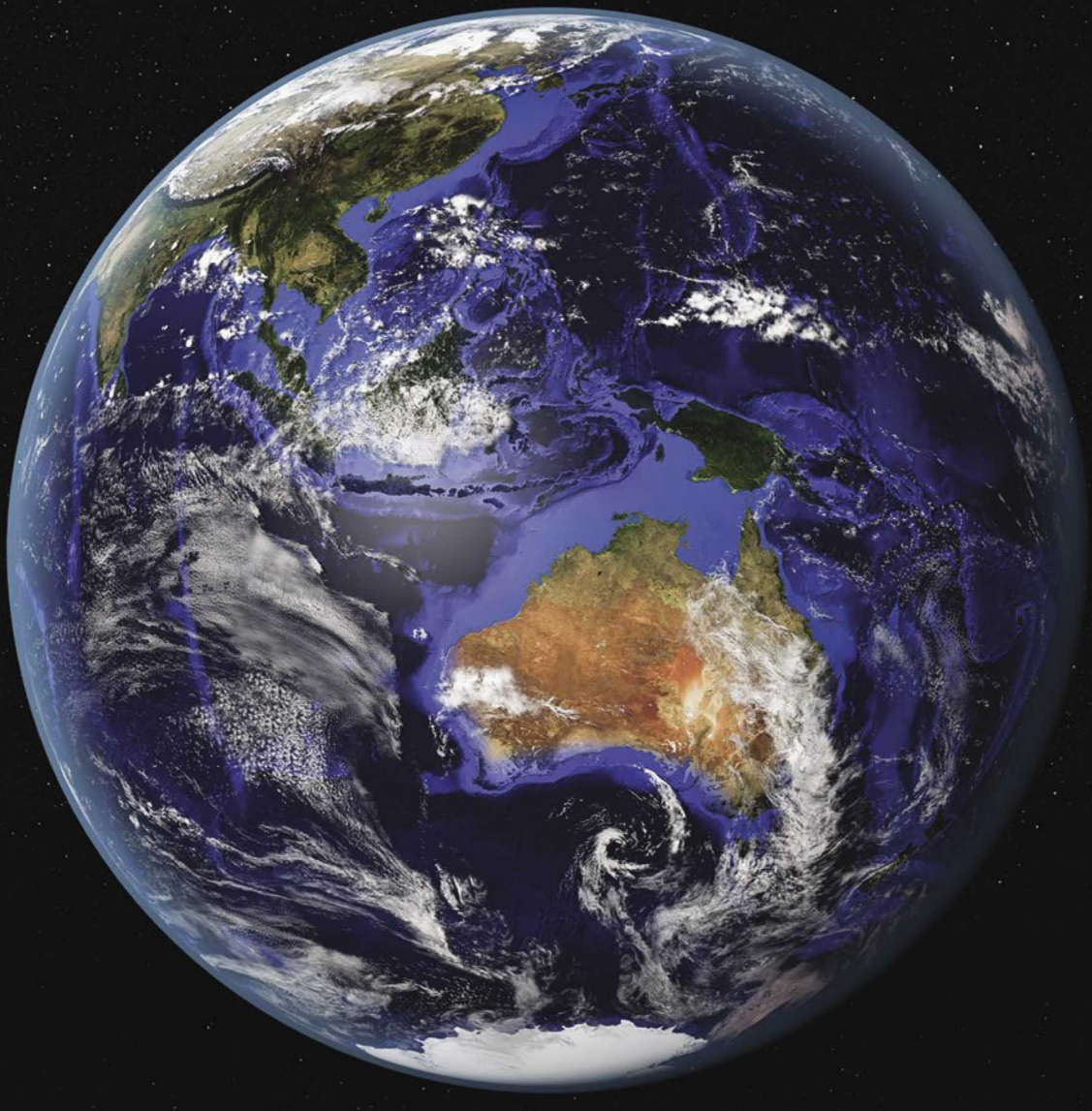
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Earth's Movement

Did you know that the Earth is always moving? The Earth is circling around the Sun. It is also slowly spinning around. This is why it looks as though the Sun appears in the morning and disappears in the evening. But the Sun does not move.

The movement of the Earth is the reason why we have night and day, different seasons and a birthday every year. So how does it work?

We see the sun rise and set because of the movement of Earth.

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Earth's Spin

We have night and day because the Earth is always turning on its **axis**. This is an imaginary line that the Earth turns around. Earth's axis runs from the North Pole to the South Pole.

It takes the Earth twenty-four hours to make one complete turn or **rotation**. We call this one day. When the Earth is facing towards the Sun, it is day. When the Earth is facing away from the Sun, it is night.

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It is daytime in the half of Earth that faces the Sun.

In the past, many cultures created stories and legends about the Sun. A Dreaming story from Indigenous Australia tells how the Sun was made by a spirit. The spirit told a kookaburra to laugh loudly each morning so that those who slept could wake to enjoy the light. Other cultures imagined the Sun as a powerful god or goddess.



Rays of light shaped like lotus flowers shone from the sun disc on the head of Ra, the ancient Egyptian sun god.

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