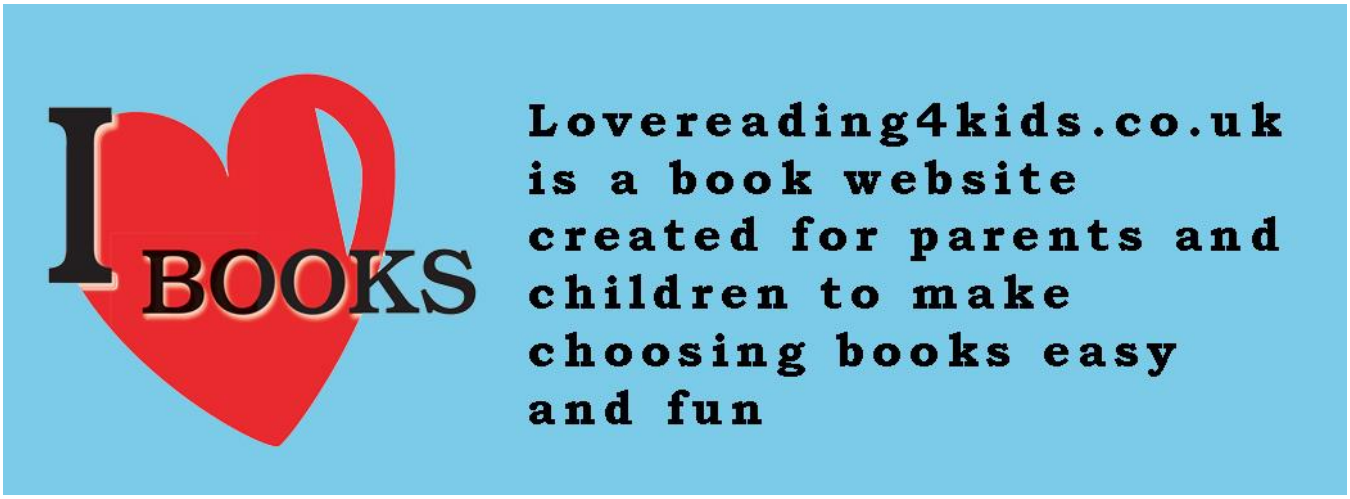


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Hello, Mr. Moon.
You're looking full today,
unlike before – you were
wa s t i n g aw a y.
Are you taking care of yourself?
You're up. You're down. Sometimes
so skinny and then so round.
Relax, little child. You will see things happen that make me – ME!
And answer me, please. I really must know:
Is it true you don't even glow?

It takes one year for Earth to get around the Sun –
365 days and its job is done!





Once a month, I orbit, too –
but not around the Sun, just around you.

The movement of Earth, Sun and me
causes different phases...that's what you see!



I'm lit
by the
Sun, that's
why I seem bright: You're
seeing my sunlit side at night.


But sometimes you're not there. Where'd you go? You disappear!
The sun is behind me – it's called my new moon.
It means you can't see me
but you will soon!



I must admit: I enjoy less light –
It's easier for me to sneak around at night!



A sliver of light shows
my crescent moon lit.
The sunlight on me
is only a bit.