The Moon

**Can you draw the information given in this passage?**

**You can use a drawing, a set of drawings or flow diagrams.**

**Use as few words as possible.**

The moon is very important to us. At night it reflects from the sun – nights are much less dark when there is a full moon shining brightly. It is also the pull from the gravity of the moon that causes the tides to ebb and flow twice each day.

As the moon orbits the Earth, different portions are lit by the sun. The changing appearance is known as the moon’s phases. Every month it goes from the new moon phase, which looks like a C backwards, to the full moon phase when we see a full circle, and then to the old moon which looks like a normal C, and onto the new moon again.

The moon, like Earth, does not have any light of its own. The light we see is the light reflected from the sun. About twice a year, the Earth passes between the moon and the sun and this causes a shadow of the Earth to fall on the moon. This is called an eclipse of the moon.