

Night and Day

Geography KS1



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Key Stage 1

Learning objectives

Children will understand that night and day occur because the Earth orbits the sun. This understanding will enable children to grasp important concepts later in their learning, such as understanding time zones.

The accompanying PowerPoint presentation has seven slides with the following learning points:

- Planet Earth travels around the sun, giving us day and night.
- If it is night/day time on one side of the planet, it will be day/night time on the opposite side.
- The earth spins towards the east, which explains the appearance of sunrise in the east and sunset in the west.

Keywords

Night. Day. Axis. Orbit.

These can also be found at the end of this PDF.

Activity

Look at a globe with the children.

Pretend that a window or part of the classroom is the sun.

Spin the globe, showing how the countries will face the 'sun' and spin away from the sun.

Pause the spin and let the children look at which countries are in the 'day' and which are in the 'night' at any one time.



Night and Day: Keywords Flashcards



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