

Think about...

- What season are we in?
- How do you know?
- What is Earth's source of energy?



Solar Energy

- What are the effects of the sun's energy on earth?
- The sun powers:
 - · Ocean currents
 - · Wind currents
 - . Seasons??



Does the energy from the sun create the seasons?

- $\cdot\,$ The sun plays a role, but does not cause the seasons.
- What causes the seasons?
 - · The tilt of the earth: 23.5*
 - · Revolution around the sun





- **Summer Solstice** the northern hemisphere is tilted towards the sun = more sunlight
- Winter Solstice the northern hemisphere is tilted away from the sun = less sunlight
- Fall & Spring Equinox the northern & southern hemispheres have an equal amount of daylight.

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Phases of the Moon

- What causes the phases of the moon?
 - The moon's orbit is about 5*off from the Earth's orbit around the sun.
- Does the moon emit light?
- The moon reflects the sun toward earth.



What is a lunar eclipse?

- . When the earth is directly between the sun & moon.
- · The earth casts a shadow on the moon.



How often does a lunar eclipse occur?

- · Usually about 6 months apart.
- · Often partial
- Usually only visible from part of earth.



How often does a solar eclipse occur?

- · Usually about 18 months apart.
- · Often partial
- · Usually only visible from part of earth.
- Aug 21, 2017 total solar eclipse.



What is a solar eclipse?

- . When the moon is directly between the sun & earth.
- The moon blocks the sun from a path on the earth.

