



Independent Practice

Name: _____ Date: _____

Part I: True Statements

Directions: Circle the word in parentheses that makes the statement true.

1. The only planet currently known to sustain life and have an atmosphere (revolves, rotates) on an axis causing the day and night cycle.
2. Earth's (axis, orbit) is elliptical around the Sun.
3. Earth's satellite, which reflects the Sun's light, is known as the (Moon, solar system).
4. The observable patterns caused by the rotation of Earth on its (axis, North Pole) impacts the length and direction of shadows throughout the day.
5. Humans living in the northern hemisphere can only see some stars in the winter when the (North Pole, Moon) is pointed towards the Sun.
6. Some stars can only be visible at the (Sun, South Pole) during particular months of the year.



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Part II: Word Sort

Directions: Write each word in the correct category in the chart. Some words may go in more than one category.

Sun	Moon	South Pole	Axis	Length of
shadows	Seasons	North Pole	Earth	Star
Moon phases	Day and night cycle	Direction of shadows		
visibility	Length of daylight			

Places	Parts of Earth	Effects of Earth's Rotation	Effects of Earth's Orbit Around the Sun