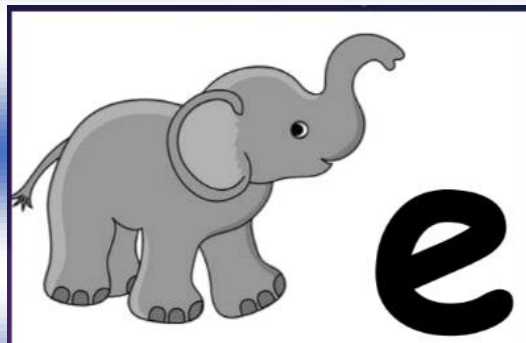


Teaching Point: Readers can identify closed syllable word patterns. Vowels are **closed in** by at least one **consonant**. Vowels have a short sound. Often these words follow a **CVC** pattern.

"P.U.", said Stink. I
want to smell a
corpse flower
someday."



red

bet

fell

hen

Teaching Point: Readers can state (name or say) the author’s purpose, and readers can describe (tell about) the structures an author uses to support specific points.

The phases of the moon


Question: What are the phases of the moon?

Answer: On different nights, the moon appears differently in the sky. Some nights, it looks like a bright, skinny sliver. On other nights, it looks like a half circle or a full circle. These changing shapes are known as the phases of the moon.

Catching The Sun

It takes the moon about 29 days to go through all of its phases. This period of time is known as the lunar month. It always begins with a new moon.

The moon does not produce light. We only see the moon because it reflects sunlight back to us from its surface. Like Earth, half of the moon is lit by the sun while the other half is dark. The half of the moon facing the sun is always lit. However, the lit side does not always face the Earth. As the moon circles the Earth, the amount of the lit side we see changes. That results in the different phases of the moon that we see from Earth.



Author’s Purpose	Text Structure	Description of Structure
The author’s purpose is to inform readers about the phases of the moon.	Question and Answer	The author clearly points out a question and then the answer so that readers can understand that the moon can look like bright slivers, a half circle or even a full circle.

Teaching Point: Readers can ask and answer literal and inferential questions to determine meaning. Readers do this to make sure they are understanding as they read.

Ask:

Is the new kid, Nick, going to be nice to Stink?

Answer:

Yes, Nick (Skunk) shares with Stink about his mistake on the solar system test. They kicked it off right away because they both experienced the same trouble, their mistake on the test. They even joke around with other ways to remember the names of the planets.

Read Aloud

