## Chapter 11

## Earth and the Sun



## Objective

We are reviewing the meaning of the words:

## Success Criteria



Buddy Reading 1 and 2


What causes day and night?
How can it be afternoon in North America and nighttime in Asia? The answer is that North America and Asia are on opposite sides of Earth. When one side of Earth faces the Sun, the opposite side is facing away from the Sun.

Earth Rotates
As Earth moves around the Sun, it also spins. Rotation (roh•TAY•shun) is the act of spinning. The diagram shows how Earth rotates.

The dotted line between the North Pole and the South Pole is Earth's axis (AK•Sus). An axis is a real or imaginary line that an object spins around. Every day, Earth completes one rotation. One rotation takes 24 hours. We divide each hour into 60 minutes. Every minute has 60 seconds.


What causes seasons?
Not only does Earth rotate around its axis, it also revolves (rih.VAHLVZ) around the Sun. Revolution is when one object travels around another.

The path a revolving object takes is its orbit. Earth's orbit is shaped like an ellipse (ihb:LPS), or flattened circle. Earth's orbit around the Sun takes $365 \frac{1}{4}$ days, or one year.

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Earth's Tilted Axis
Earth's axis is not straight up and down. It is tilted at an angle of $23.5^{\circ}$. The tilt points in the same direction throughout Earth's orbit.

Earth's tilt couses sunlight to strike Earth at different angles. At any given time, each hemisphere (HE-muhnsfeer), or half, of Earth gets more or less sunlight. The seasons result from both Earth's tilted axis and its revolution around the Sun.

## The Solar System and Beyond

What objects are in the solar system and beyond?

Why does it seem that the Sun is moving?

## rotation \# spin on axis


rotation the
complete spin of
an object around its axis
revolution \# one complete trip around an object in a circle

## orbit\# path taken during

 revolution
## revolution one

 complete trip around an object in a circular or nearly circular pathUsing the diagram below can you explain how night and day happens You can use clay or the models the Earth and flashlight.

on its axis and also around the sun. The Earth takes about $365 \frac{1}{4}$ days(one year) to Orbit the sun.
The Earths tilted axis causes the seasons to happen.

# Collaboration time 



Work in your groups and discuss the answers to the questions on page 545.

## Let's see what you have remembered

 Write the answers on the paper given. 1) Every 24 hours the Earth completes one

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## 1) Every year the Earth completes one around the sun.



Let's see what you have remembered.
2) What process takes 24 hours to complete:
A) rotation
B) Revolution
C) Shadows
D) Seasons

Let's see what you have remembered.
4) We see the sun rise and set because:
A) the Earth revolves around the sun.
B) the Earth rotates on its axis.
C) the sun revolves around the Earth.
D) the moon revolves around the Earth.
5) Your shadow is short when you go outsid What time of day is it?
A) early morning.
B) late afternoon
C) after sunset
D) near noon
2) What causes the Earths changing seasoi
A) Earths rotation around the sun.
B) The suns rotation around the Earth,
C) Earths tilted axis and revolution around the sun.
D) Earths rotation and the moons revolution around Earth.

## Let's see what you have remembered.

The picture shows the Earth. The dark part is night time for the people living there. The bright part is day time for the people living there.


During day time where does the light come from?
A. From inside the Earth
B. From the air
C. From the sun
D. From the clouds

When does the sun rise the highest in the sky in the Northern Hemisphere?
A) March
B) June
C) September
D) December

