

Total Solar Eclipse

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Introduce the Article and Key Vocabulary

Talk with students about what they will learn from the article. Introduce vocabulary to them using the descriptive teaching method.

Example: Today we are talking about the total solar eclipse that will happen on April 8th. A solar eclipse is something we can see in the sky. The moon will be in front of the sun and block out the light from the sun and makes it dark during the day. The moon makes a shadow on Earth, this shadow is called an eclipse. The eclipse can be seen in many cities in the United States. Some cities will even have a party because eclipses do not happen every day or every year. It is something special that does not happen often. Scientists, called astronomers, will study the eclipse to learn more about the sun. You can only look at an eclipse with special glasses to protect your eyes. Do you want to watch the eclipse?

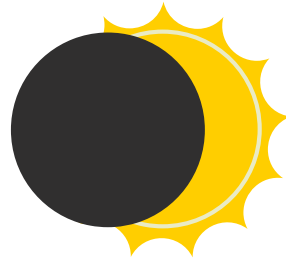
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Read the Article While you TAAP

As you read the article with students, remember to TAAP: **T**alk about it, **A**sk a question, **A**cknowledge via response, and **P**ropel the conversation or **P**redict! (View the TAAP resource on the AAC Language Lab to learn more about the TAAP strategy!)

Sample TAAP words/phrases:

Talk About It	Ask Questions	Acknowledge via Response	Propel the Conversation or Predict
Cool Like Look Not	What will they see? What do you think? What will happen?	Me too Maybe! I love science!	I think... I wonder... Let's see More



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Talk About What you Learned

Summarize the article with students and talk about what they learned. Ask open-ended questions to discuss what everyone thought, and to get them thinking about and reflecting about what they read.

Sample questions for discussion:

What did you learn today? Have you ever seen an eclipse before? Where were you when you saw the eclipse? What do you think is cool about space?

Discussion for Comprehension



After reading and summarizing the article with students, use descriptive testing to further discuss the students' understanding of the article. Pose questions in a way that allows the student to answer the question using any word on their device.

Sample Descriptive Testing Questions and responses:

Tell me about an eclipse.	Tell me what it means if someone is an astronomer.	What does it mean if something is a special event?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • be dark • dark in day • not happen a lot 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • study space • learn about planets • look at stars and planets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • not many • not happen a lot • only few times