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Moon Word Mat

12 key words for the phases of the Moon.

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waning	Shrinking. Each night we see less of the lit part.
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