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Super Perigee Moon

by Kelly Hashway

Seth dropped his backpack on the kitchen table and headed straight for the refrigerator. He needed a good snack if he was going to stay up late to watch the super perigee moon. Not that he really cared about the moon, but Mr. Andrews had assigned a project due tomorrow. Seth still couldn't believe Mr. Andrews expected him to do all that work in one night.

"Hungry?" Mom asked.

Seth shrugged. "Not really, but I have to fuel up. Mr. Andrews is making me watch the moon tonight and write up information on it."

"Oh, that's right. Tonight is the super perigee moon." Mom smiled. "What a fun assignment."

Fun? Was she crazy? "I don't think staying up late to stare at a moon and write down my observations is the fun part!"



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When the sun set, Seth walked out on the deck. "That's weird," he said to his dad, who'd decided to watch the moon with him. "It's so bright out here."

"The super perigee moon is about thirty percent brighter than the regular moon," Dad said. When I was younger, Grandpa used to study astronomy. He taught me all about space. The super perigee moon was always one of my favorite things to look at. You don't even need a telescope."

Seth gawked at the moon. Not only was it bright, it was huge. Bigger than any full moon he'd ever seen. "It's gigantic!"

"About fourteen percent larger than usual," Dad said.

Seth opened the notebook he'd brought outside and started jotting down the information his dad told him. "Think I should take pictures for the assignment?"

"Why not? I bet it would get you some extra credit."



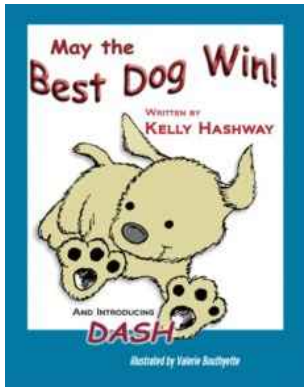
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About the Author



Kelly Hashway's latest book, *May the Best Dog Win*, is now available!

Dash has the perfect life until the Super Sweeper 5000 shows up. Sweeper runs all over the house sucking up the leftover food scraps, and he even gets his own room! But Dash won't give up his place as the favorite dog without a fight.

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- b. the moon comes out during the daylight hours
- c. the moon spins more quickly than normal
- d. people on Earth should stay indoors

5. What did Seth write in his notebook?

- a. information he read about the super perigee moon
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- c. illustrations of the super perigee moon
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_____ 2. elliptical

_____ 3. moon

_____ 4. astronomy

_____ 5. extra credit

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b. time when something must be completed by

c. did not believe; was skeptical

d. bonus points given for schoolwork that was not required

e. large object that orbits around a planet



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o. dotted

ii. egg shaped, oval shaped, not perfectly round

◆ **Now try this:** Write three sentences on your own. In each sentence, use one of the vocabulary words above.

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In the story, "Super Perigee Moon," Seth has a homework assignment in which he has to observe a super perigee moon and write down his observations. At the end of the story, he says it's the best homework assignment of the year.



Describe one school assignment that you really enjoyed. Tell what the assignment was and how you did it.



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3. How did Seth's attitude about his homework assignment change during the story?

At first, he didn't want to the assignment, but when he saw the moon and began learning

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