

## THE BACK SIDE OF THE MOON (AGES 6-99+)

Did you know that we cannot see the other side of the Moon from Earth? The giant white ball is “locked” to our planet, preventing us from seeing what’s on its back!

When you hug someone or hold both hands to another person and spin together, you always see the other’s person face, but you can never see their back! The same happens to the Moon and Earth! The Moon revolves around Earth, but we always see its front side.

A long time ago this was not the case, and the other side of the Moon was visible from Earth. However, over time our planet has been pulling the poor Moon and now it is invisibly hugging it and not letting it go! Only a few astronauts have seen the back of the moon in person and we know what it looks like thanks to spacecrafts and rovers that have photographed it.

### EXERCISE:

Meztli, the astronaut, was visiting the far side of the moon, but now wants to go back to have a look at Earth. Help her going back to the other side.

