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When a light source is blocked, a shadow results. Here we see the familiar shadows from people on a beach whose bodies are blocking the light of the Sun from reaching the sand behind them.

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Lunar Eclipse.

The light we see from the Moon is produced by reflected light from the Sun. During a "lunar eclipse," the alignment of the Sun, Earth, and Moon causes the Earth to block the light from the Sun and cast a shadow over the Moon. Some light is bent by the Earth's atmosphere and does reach the lunar disk, producing the faint red glow.

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A Moon of Jupiter.

Shadows occur on other planets as well. In this image, sunlight shining onto Jupiter is blocked by one of its moons as it passes over the face of the planet. A similar type of event takes place on Earth during a solar eclipse, when the Moon blocks the Sun's light and casts a shadow onto some portions of the Earth.

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HAPPENS THERE,

BECAUSE WHAT HAPPENS HERE,

LIGHT THAT DOES NOT PASS You are relaxing with a book on a nice sunny day when a friend leans over your shoulder and the page goes dark. "Hey, you're blocking my light!" It is a familiar experience. Any time an object blocks the light from another source, it forms a shadow.

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