

Nature facts (Rainbow)

1. Do you know what a rainbow is?

The phenomenon where one can see a colorful arc as a result of refraction and reflection of sunlight through rainwater droplets, is called a rainbow. It is a full circular-shaped natural phenomenon, but from the ground it looks like only an arc. The complete circle can be seen at high altitudes, such as from an airplane.

2. Why are there seven colors in the rainbow?

The rainbow consists of seven different colors. These seven colors are consequences of different wavelengths of light that are separated when sunlight passes through a water droplet, that is a rainwater droplet. The colors encompassed are red, orange, yellow, green, blue, indigo and violet.

3. Do you know about the moonbow?

In a moonbow, there is refraction of moonlight through rainwater drops. It is an uncommon lunar phenomenon where a white or faint-colored arc appears. A person can see a moonbow in a region of waterfalls, as there is a presence of mist or water droplets. Moonbows can also appear in regions where there is clean and pollution-free air. Cumberland Falls in Kentucky, Victoria Falls, and Hawaii are examples of such places where we can see moonbows. It is seen only if there is a full moon.

4. Do you know in which part of the sky rainbows appear?

A rainbow is visible or seen in the reverse direction to that of the sun.

5. Do you know if an individual can see two rainbows at the same time?

The phenomenon is visible in the sky when there is double light reflection from raindrops. In this phenomenon, another rainbow with a faint and reverse color is visible outside the primary rainbow.

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