

**eclipse****1. [i'kɪps] n****1. астр.** затмение

total [partial] eclipse - полное [частичное] затмение

**2. потемнение, потускнение:**

his reason suffered an eclipse - у него помутился рассудок

**3. утрата блеска, упадок**

eclipse of feudalism - закат феодализма

eclipse of one's powers - истощение /упадок/ сил

his power is in eclipse - его влияние /власть/ идёт на убыль

a reputation in eclipse - потускневшая былая слава

**4. зоол.** потемнение оперения, смена яркого оперения**2. [i'kɪps] v****1. астр.** затемнять, закрывать (о небесном теле)

the moon eclipses the sun - луна закрывает солнце; наблюдается солнечное затмение

**2. затмевать, заслонять**

she was so beautiful that she eclipsed every other woman - она была так прекрасна, что затмила всех других женщин

**3. 1) поэт.** приходить в упадок, утрачивать блеск, закатываться (о славе); слабеть (о могуществе)**2) омрачать****eclipse**

Oxford Advanced Learners Dictionary 8th Ed.

**eclipse** [eclipse eclipses eclipsed eclipsing] noun, verb BrE [i'kɪps] <sup>1</sup> AmE

[i'kɪps]

noun

**1. countable** an occasion when the moon passes between the earth and the sun so that you cannot see all or part of the sun for a time; an occasion when the earth passes between the moon and the sun so that you cannot see all or part of the moon for a time• an **eclipse of the sun/moon**• a **total/partial eclipse****2. singular, uncountable** a loss of importance, power, etc. especially because sb/sth else has become more important, powerful, etc

• The election result marked the eclipse of the right wing.

• Her work was **in eclipse** for most of the 20th century.Word Origin:

Middle English: from Old French e(s)clipse (noun), eclipser (verb), via Latin from Greek ekleipsis, from ekleipein 'fail to appear, be eclipsed', from ek 'out' + leipein 'to leave'.

verb

**1. often passive** ~ sth (of the moon, the earth, etc.) to cause an ↑eclipse**2. ~ sb/sth** to make sb/sth seem dull or unimportant by comparison**Syn:** ↑outshine, **Syn:** ↑overshadow

• Though a talented player, he was completely eclipsed by his brother.

Verb forms:

verb forms	
present simple	
I / you / we /they	eclipse
	BrE /i'kɪps/
	NAme /t'kɪps/
he / she /it	eclipses
	BrE /i'kɪpsɪz/
	NAme /t'kɪpsɪz/
past simple, past participle	eclipsed
	BrE /i'kɪpsɪd/
	NAme /t'kɪpsɪd/
-ing form	eclipsing
	BrE /i'kɪpsɪŋ/
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**1. eclipse**<sup>1</sup> /i'kɪps/ BrE <sup>1</sup> AmE <sup>1</sup> noun

[Date: 1200-1300; Language: Old French; Origin: Greek ekleipsis, from ekleipein 'to leave out, fail']

**1. [countable]** an occasion when the Sun or the Moon cannot be seen, because the Earth is passing directly between the Moon and the Sun, or because the Moon is passing directly between the Earth and the Sun:

• an eclipse of the Sun

• a total eclipse**2. [singular]** a situation in which someone or something loses their power or fame, because someone or something else has become more powerful or famous:

• Many people expected the growth of television to mean the eclipse of radio.

3. **in eclipse** *formal* less famous or powerful than you should be:

" Mrs Bosanquet's novels are now in eclipse.

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## COLLOCATIONS

### ■ adjectives

- **a solar eclipse** (also **an eclipse of the Sun**) (=one in which the Sun is hidden behind the Moon) You need to wear protective glasses to view a solar eclipse.
- **a lunar eclipse** (also **an eclipse of the Moon**) (=one in which the Moon is hidden behind the Sun) If it's cloudy, it may not be possible to see the lunar eclipse.
- **a partial eclipse** (=one in which the Sun or Moon is not completely hidden) A partial eclipse of the Sun will occur on August 28th.
- **a total eclipse** (=one in which the Sun or Moon is completely hidden) The best places to witness the Sun's total eclipse are in southern Africa and South America.

II. **eclipse**<sup>2</sup> *BrE* " *AmE* " *verb* [transitive]

1. if the Moon eclipses the Sun, the Sun cannot be seen behind the Moon, and if the Earth eclipses the Moon, the Moon cannot be seen because the Earth is between the Sun and the Moon

2. [often passive] to become more important, powerful, famous etc than someone or something else, so that they are no longer noticed ⇒ **overshadow**:

" The economy had eclipsed the environment as an election issue.

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