

Quick Rebuttal Cards: Common Flat-Earth Claims

These compact cards are meant for fast reference. Each one names the claim, gives the short answer, and points to a better test.

“We can see too far.”

“ **Short answer:** A photo is not geometry until it includes observer height, target height, distance, refraction, and whether the bottom is hidden.

Better test: Hidden-bottom observation with measured heights and refraction notes.

“Water always finds its level.”

“ **Short answer:** Level means perpendicular to local gravity. Local level surfaces can be globally curved.

Better test: Separate local construction meaning from planetary-scale equipotential surface.

“Earth spins too fast.”

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Short answer: You feel acceleration, not steady speed. Earth's rotational acceleration is small but measurable.

Better test: Calculate centrifugal effect or observe a Foucault pendulum.

“The local Sun explains day and night.”

“**Short answer:** Then predict sunrise direction, sunset time, solar noon altitude, polar day/night, and solar angular size with one geometry.

Better test: Use the Flat Sun Prediction Checker.

“NASA lies.”

“**Short answer:** Earth's shape does not depend on one agency. Shadows, navigation, eclipses, stars, and geodesy predate spaceflight.

Better test: Use observations that do not require NASA at all.

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