

The Space Times

Solar Eclipse at Eclipseville

3 People flocked to
6 Hopkinsville, USA (now
9 affectionately referred to
13 as 'Eclipseville') on August
18 21st 2017 to watch the
22 first total solar eclipse
27 observable from the USA in
30 nearly 39 years.



33 The previously little-
37 known town was declared
43 by NASA to be the best
47 place to see 'totality'
52 (meaning the sun would be
56 in complete shadow). They
60 were right and totality
65 lasted for an unrivalled 2
68 mins 41.2 secs.

73 "I made a pinhole camera
78 and was amazed by how

82 long the eclipse lasted,"
85 said one visitor.

89 "It wasn't pitch black,
94 but felt very gloomy and
97 slightly spooky," said
98 another.

103 You only have to wait
107 another seven years until
113 the next full solar eclipse in
117 USA. But will Eclipseville
122 be the best place to
124 view again?



1. Which word means 'better than everything else'?



2. What does 'totality' mean?



3. Why were people so keen to go to Hopkinsville on 21st August 2017?



4. Why does the author use the word 'affectionately'?
