

"A full moon could give you a bad night's sleep"

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If you have trouble sleeping at (1) certain times of the month, it could be because of a full moon. Scientists from the University of Washington say there is a (2) link between the lunar cycle and sleeping patterns. They say that on nights when there is a full moon, people could experience more (3) restless sleep. The reason for this could be the Moon's changing brightness. When there is a full moon, the (4) extra brightness in the night sky could interrupt our sleep. The scientists said: "Moonlight is so (5) bright to the human eye that it is (6) entirely reasonable to imagine that, in the absence of other (7) sources of light, this source of nocturnal light could have had a role in [changing] human (8) nocturnal activity and sleep."

bright
nocturnal
certain
sources
restless
entirely
link
extra

The scientists conducted a study of the sleep (9) patterns of over 500 people. Each person wore a special wristband that (10) tracked their sleep. The study included 98 people from an (11) isolated village in rural Argentina. These people did not have access to electricity and other artificial light (12) sources. Their sleep patterns were compared to 464 people living in U.S. city of Seattle, which has lots of (13) artificial light pollution. The scientists discovered that people in the (14) rural village and in the big city got less sleep on the nights (15) leading up to the full moon. The scientists said the artificial light in cities does not seem to affect sleeping patterns and that, "human sleep is synchronised with lunar (16) phases."

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"Fans get inside space bubbles for rock concert"

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A band has played what is being called the 'World's First Space Bubble Concert'. The psychedelic-rock (1) group the Flaming Lips played to an audience who were all in (2) giant, inflatable plastic bubbles. The bubbles are called Zorb balls. The band played two concerts in their (3) native city of Oklahoma. All band (4) members were also inside their own Zorb bubble. There were 100 bubbles at the shows. Some of the bubbles contained three people. The bubbles may be one way for concerts to go (5) ahead during the pandemic. Each bubble has a special speaker, a (6) water bottle, a battery-operated (7) fan, a towel and an "I gotta go pee/hot in here" sign. Workers refill the bubble with (8) cool air if it gets too hot.

ahead
native
fan
group
cool
water
giant
members

The idea for the bubble concerts came from the band's (9) lead singer Wayne Coyne. He often uses a Zorb ball to (10) roll over the crowd during his concerts. He decided that concerts would be COVID-safe if everyone was in a Zorb. He said (11) attending a space bubble concert is "safer than going to the grocery store". He told the Rolling Stone magazine: "It's a very restricted, weird (12) event, but the (13) weirdness is so we can enjoy a concert before putting our families and everybody at (14) risk." He added: "You see people excited, people being (15) happy, and people really having fun....I think it's a bit of a 'new normal'. You might go to a show, you might not, but I think we're going to be able to (16) work it out."

roll
risk
event
work
attending
happy
lead
weirdness

Conjunctions Exercises 2

1. Whenever
2. The same way
3. Everywhere
4. Anywhere
5. No matter
6. As if
7. By the time
8. soon

Key

Fill in the correct form of one of the phrasal verbs from the box!

get along	give away	step down
make up	ring back	find out
cut off	carry out	take over
fall over	give up	hold up
go off	make out	sort out

1. I have all the information that you need but I'm busy. Can I ring you back in half an hour?
2. The Prime Minister has decided to step down after 10 years in office.
3. We heard the bomb go off from the hotel where we checked in.
4. Large companies sometimes take over smaller ones.
5. My brother and I get along very well most of the time, but occasionally we do have a fight.
6. I gave up playing football a long time ago because of a knee injury.
7. Don't worry, we'll try to sort out the problems and find a solution for everyone.
8. That story cannot be true. You have surely made it up.
9. After browsing the internet for some time, we finally found out where he lived.
10. I had no use for the books so I gave them away to the library.
11. I can't make out if it's a woman or a man, because the person is too far away.
12. The pavement is very icy so be careful you don't fall over.
13. There have been a number of robberies, but up to now the police don't know who carried them out.
14. The traffic on the motorway was held up by construction work.
15. The energy company cut off our electricity because we didn't pay.

Prepositions 2

1. Under
2. In front of
3. like
4. over
5. under
6. below
7. as
8. like
9. among
10. among
11. in front of
12. towards
13. away from
14. between
15. towards
16. opposite
17. in front of

Coordinating Conjunctions Exercise

1. Yet
2. For
3. And / but
4. Nor
5. Or
6. So
7. But
8. For
9. And
10. And / but