

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

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

bright
nocturnal
certain
sources
restless
entirely
link
extra

The scientists conducted a study of the sleep (9) _____ of over 500 people. Each person wore a special wristband that (10) _____ their sleep. The study included 98 people from an (11) _____ village in rural Argentina. These people did not have access to electricity and other artificial light (12) _____. Their sleep patterns were compared to 464 people living in U.S. city of Seattle, which has lots of (13) _____ light pollution. The scientists discovered that people in the (14) _____ village and in the big city got less sleep on the nights (15) _____ 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) _____."

sources
tracked
rural
patterns
phases
artificial
leading
isolated

"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) _____ the Flaming Lips played to an audience who were all in (2) _____, inflatable plastic bubbles. The bubbles are called Zorb balls. The band played two concerts in their (3) _____ city of Oklahoma. All band (4) _____ 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) _____ during the pandemic. Each bubble has a special speaker, a (6) _____ bottle, a battery-operated (7) _____, a towel and an "I gotta go pee/hot in here" sign. Workers refill the bubble with (8) _____ 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) _____ singer Wayne Coyne. He often uses a Zorb ball to (10) _____ over the crowd during his concerts. He decided that concerts would be COVID-safe if everyone was in a Zorb. He said (11) _____ 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) _____, but the (13) _____ is so we can enjoy a concert before putting our families and everybody at (14) _____." He added: "You see people excited, people being (15) _____, 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) _____ it out."

roll
risk
event
work
attending
happy
lead
weirdness

Conjunctions Exercises 2

Complete the sentences with one of the words or phrases

as if	whenever	anywhere	everywhere
the same way	by the time	soon	no matter

1. _____ they heard the bell, the penguins rushed to the edge of the pool.
2. You have to dismantle the radio _____ as the instructor did.
3. _____ he looked, the health inspector found grease and grime.
4. You can pitch your tents _____ you like.
5. _____ how much money the gangsters offered him, the judge refused to take a bribe.
6. He behaved _____ he thought he was being followed.
7. _____ he came to the desert, night had fallen and he found himself alone.
8. _____ after he heard the good news, he phoned his parents.

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

- I have all the information that you need but I'm busy. Can I _____ you _____ in half an hour?
- The Prime Minister has decided to _____ after 10 years in office.
- We heard the bomb _____ from the hotel where we checked in.
- Large companies sometimes _____ smaller ones.
- My brother and I _____ very well most of the time, but occasionally we do have a fight.
- I _____ playing football a long time ago because of a knee injury.
- Don't worry, we'll try to _____ the problems and find a solution for everyone.
- That story cannot be true. You have surely _____ it _____.
- After browsing the internet for some time, we finally _____ where he lived.
- I had no use for the books so I _____ them _____ to the library.
- I can't _____ if it's a woman or a man, because the person is too far away.
- The pavement is very icy so be careful you don't _____.
- There have been a number of robberies, but up to now the police don't know who _____ them _____.
- The traffic on the motorway was _____ by construction work.
- The energy company _____ our electricity because we didn't pay.

Prepositions Exercises

Confusing Pairs of Prepositions

Use the prepositions and adverbs in brackets to complete the sentences

above	below	as	among	towards	opposite
over	under	like	between	away from	in front of

1. Everybody on the staff is _____ suspicion. The chances are that even the boss might be the murderer.
2. He held a handkerchief _____ his face.
3. They discussed the matter _____ a cup of tea.
4. They all left the gambling house when the deal was _____.
5. Jack cannot drink in a pub because he's _____ age.
6. Our village is several metres _____ sea-level so it is frequently flooded.
7. When Charles went to Malaga he stayed in the same hotel _____ I did.
8. Tom behaves _____ a child when it comes to eating sweets.

Coordinating Conjunctions Exercise

Choose the correct conjunction.

1. I did my best to pass my English exam yet / so I failed.
2. I will get my car serviced and / for there is something wrong with the brakes.
3. The suspect went to the airport and / yet tried to use a license that had his brother's identification on it or / but he got caught.
4. Nobody expected Sam to get the job nor / so did I.
5. We can go to a Chinese restaurant or / and a Mexican, I don't really mind.
6. It was raining heavily and / so we decided to stay at home.
7. Everybody was eager to participate the charity walk or / but the manager.
8. I got a seat in the front row for / yet I was really interested in the lecture topic.
9. My brother and / nor I will retire soon and go sailing around the world.
10. He can speak English so / and Spanish fluently, but / or his French is not so good.