

Use of English 2 Unit 9

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EXERCISE 1. Listen to the audio and choose the correct option.

1. This _____ project was little more than some _____ hoax.
2. The lunar cycle has a _____ impact on the _____ development of plants.
3. The moon has such a _____ influence on the planet that without it, an earth day would last a _____ six to eight hours.
4. When a full moon fell on a Sunday, it was considered a _____ sign, but it was thought to have the _____ effect on a Monday.
5. People develop _____ behaviour around a full moon or are less likely to fall into a _____ sleep.

EXERCISE 2. Listen to the audio and find out which ideas the speakers think are myths or which ideas they think are real.

1. This groundbreaking project was little more than some elaborate hoax. _____
2. The lunar cycle has a direct impact on the natural development of plants. _____
3. The moon has such a strong influence on the planet that without it, an earth day would last a mere six to eight hours. _____
4. When a full moon fell on a Sunday, it was considered a warning sign, but it was thought to have the opposite effect on a Monday. _____
5. People develop aggressive behaviour around a full moon or are less likely to fall into a sound sleep. _____

EXERCISE 3. Read the article and decide which answer best fits each gap.

WHAT A DIFFERENCE AN HOUR MAKES!



In many countries, every spring and autumn, they move the clocks backwards or forwards one hour while the population is **1** _____ asleep. Benjamin Franklin takes the honour, or the **2** _____, depending on how you see it, for resetting clocks in this way. He **3** _____ people to take advantage of the extra evening light in summer to do worthwhile activities, and he highlighted the obvious savings on lighting their homes. **4** _____, it was over a century before his plans were introduced into the US. Spare a thought for the people living there when it first came in. The government **5** _____ it up to individual towns to decide if they wanted to **6** _____ the proposal, and chaos followed.

Russia introduced year-round daylight saving time in 2011, to take advantage of the sunlight, but it had the **7** _____ effect. In the depths of winter, sunrise wasn't until 11 a.m., and the plan was abolished. With modern lighting and over half the planet refusing to join in, it might all seem a bit **8** _____ continuing with the idea.