

Questions 21 – 26

For each question, choose the correct answer.

The first plants on the Moon

The Moon is not a very good place to have a garden! Daytime temperatures there are around 130°C, while at night, they (21) as low as -170°C. But in January 2019, Chinese scientists (22) that they had successfully grown plants on the Moon for the first time ever.

The small Chinese spaceship that was carrying the plants (23) on the side of the Moon that we can't ever see from Earth. It was carrying cotton seeds – the tiny objects that cotton plants grow from – in a special glass box. Scientists could (24) the temperature inside the box. With plenty of light (25) onto the plants, after a few days, the cotton seeds started to grow.

(26) , just a few days later, the plants died when it became night-time on that part of the Moon. One freezing-cold night on the Moon lasts an incredible fourteen Earth days!

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| 21 | A | cut | B | decrease | C | fall | D | reduce |
| 22 | A | announced | B | described | C | told | D | informed |
| 23 | A | stepped | B | reached | C | entered | D | landed |
| 24 | A | run | B | control | C | use | D | organise |
| 25 | A | racing | B | flying | C | burning | D | shining |
| 26 | A | Urgently | B | Extremely | C | Unfortunately | D | Absolutely |