

WEIRD Phenomena



Direction: Fill in the blanks with the words below.

glowing, glide, meteorologist, electrical, freak of nature, suck, thunderstorm, once in a blue moon, rare, distort, release, raining cats and dogs, break out, mysterious and astonish

There are many (1) _____ things that happen in nature, and scientists are still trying to understand them. One strange event is called ball lightning. It looks like (2) _____ balls of fire that sometimes (3) _____ across the sky during a (4) _____. A (5) _____ might say it is an (6) _____ (7) _____ because it cannot be easily explained. These shining balls disappear when they touch something electric.

Another amazing phenomenon happened in 1939 in Trowbridge, England. A big storm (8) _____, and people were (9) _____ to see hundreds of frogs falling from the sky! It was not (10) _____—it was literally raining frogs! Scientists think that a tornado may have (11) _____ the frogs into the air, carried them far away, and later (12) _____ them with the heavy rain.

There is also the expression “(13) _____.” It means something (14) _____, but it can also really happen. Sometimes the moon looks blue when dust from volcanoes or forest fires (15) _____ the light. So the next time you see a blue moon, you’ll know it’s one of those wonderful and strange moments that happen only once in a blue moon.

Direction: Complete the sentences using Present Continuous Tense and Future Continuous Tense.

1. Tonight, the meteorologist _____ the forecast for tomorrow's thunderstorm. (give)
2. I can't meet you at 9 PM. At that time, I _____ a new documentary about ball lightning on TV. (watch)
3. The science department _____ a special lecture on rare phenomena next Friday at 10 AM. (hold)
4. Don't worry about the big storm. They said the rain _____ when we leave the house. (stop)
5. When the tornado passes over the pond, it _____ frogs and fish into the air. (suck)
6. The group has already paid for the tickets. They _____ to the town in England where the frog rain happened next summer. (travel)