

Harvest Moon vividly marks end of summer

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Warm-up activities

Finish the sentence – “The best place to view a full moon is...”

Take the category “somewhere to watch something special”. What places can you think of for that category that are 1. everyday places, 2. famous places, or 3. interesting places.

Scan read the text and choose one new word from each of the four paragraphs. Check the definitions of the four new words. Now make a short sentence for each word.

Scan the text and find a word or phrase that means:

- *indicating a change* (paragraph 1) m...
- *famously* (paragraph 2) i...
- *a peak moment* (paragraph 2) c...
- *a continuing series of events* (paragraph 3) c...
- *visible to a human* (paragraph 4) n...

What does the italicised word below mean – *not enough*, *just right*, or *very much*?

- farmers work *exceedingly* late into the day

Comprehension questions

1. How often is a Harvest Moon?
2. What does the Harvest Moon signify?
3. What is similar about day and night near the Harvest Moon?
4. Is there a more famously named full moon?
5. How did it become known as the Harvest Moon?
6. What is the name of the full moon that follows the Harvest Moon?
7. When is the Hunter's Moon?
8. Why is the Harvest Moon visible the night before and the night after?
9. What does "hugged the horizon" mean?
10. Where is the best place on Earth to watch the Harvest Moon?

- A. They are of similar length.
- B. 11th October.
- C. The end of summer.
- D. In the Northern Hemisphere.
- E. No.
- F. It rises at similar times and it is easier to see at dusk.
- G. Hunter's Moon.
- H. Farmers used the moon's light to finish the harvest.
- I. Close to the ground.
- J. Once a year / Annually.

Match-up phrases, synonyms, antonyms

Match the words on the left to their endings to make phrases from the text.

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| 1. officially | A. annually |
| 2. farther | B. interval |
| 3. average | C. Hemisphere |
| 4. creates | D. apart from |
| 5. Northern | E. bright |
| 6. Hunter's | F. marks |
| 7. sets it | G. moon |
| 8. occurring | H. north |
| 9. full | I. Moon |
| 10. relatively | J. the illusion |

Match the words on the left from the text to their synonyms.

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| 1. equal | A. viewer |
| 2. mark | B. signal |
| 3. visible | C. identical |
| 4. observer | D. distance |
| 5. interval | E. viewable |

Match the words on the left from the text to their antonyms.

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| 1. dusk | A. separate |
| 2. consecutive | B. unrecognisable |
| 3. iconic | C. dawn |

Grammar pairs: Adverbs with suffix -ly

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| 1. A. vaguely / B. vividly | 6. A. respectively / B. collectively |
| 2. A. periodically / B. annually | 7. A. consecutively / B. comparatively |
| 3. A. officially / B. regularly | 8. A. roughly / B. precisely |
| 4. A. abnormally / B. iconically | 9. A. obviously / B. seemingly |
| 5. A. exceedingly / B. enormously | 10. A. irregularly / B. relatively |

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The Harvest Moon is probably the most 4._____ named of all the full moons. Although it was unusually early in 2022, what sets it apart from other full moons is that it has historically helped farmers work 5._____ late into the day at the climax of the agricultural “harvest”. Interestingly, the next full moon, in October, is known as the “Hunter’s Moon”. The two full moons, the Harvest Moon and the Hunter’s Moon, are visible on the 10th September and the 11th October 6._____.

The moon was rising for three nights 7._____ from Friday to Sunday. The reason being that instead of rising at the average interval of fifty minutes later each day, the Harvest Moon farther north of the equator rises around twenty-five minutes later each day at dusk, 8._____ half the time.

To the naked eye the Harvest Moon 9._____ creates the illusion of being larger and brighter than any other full moon. It was 10._____ bright because it hugged the horizon closely. To observers in Europe, in the mid-latitudes of the Northern Hemisphere or thereabouts, this means that the view is even more stunning than anywhere else in the world.

Missing vocabulary

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| A. observers | F. consecutively |
| B. respectively | G. officially |
| C. illusion | H. agricultural |
| D. seemingly | I. historically |
| E. horizon | J. dusk |

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Spelling

Spell the words from the text correctly.

1. people in the Northern **s e i m r h p e H e** H...
2. occurring **l a n u a l y n** in September a...
3. it has **c h i t o r l i a l s y** helped farmers h...
4. are **v e b i s l i** on the 10th September v...
5. it was **a e l r e y v l t i** bright r...
6. it hugged the **o r h i o n z** closely h...
7. the average **v i e l n r a t** of fifty minutes i...
8. farther north of the **t q a u e o r** e...
9. to **b o r s r s e v e** in Europe o...
10. to the **a n d e k** eye n...

Fill-in punctuation

The text below is missing its capital letters, commas, full stops, apostrophes, and quote marks, and specifically 2 hyphens.

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Cool-down activities

Discussion questions:

- What role will the moon play in future societies?
- What is the most interesting fact you know about our solar system?
- What will the next “giant leap for mankind” be?
- What is your most memorable “Where were you when...” stories?
- What is the most stunning natural event big or small that you have ever seen?

CEFR C1 10 keywords revision list:

agricultural consecutive dusk historically horizon

illusion observer officially respective seemingly

Beginning with each letter below, think of a word that describes a natural event or process.

A	J	S
B	K	T
C	L	U
D	M	V
E	N	W
F	O	X
G	P	Y
H	Q	Z
I	R	

Answers

Page 2 Warm-up activities

indicating a change / marks
famously / iconically
a peak moment / climax
a continuing series of events / consecutively
visible to a human / naked eye
exceedingly / very much

Page 3 Comprehension questions

1J, 2C, 3A, 4E, 5H, 6G, 7B, 8F, 9I, 10D

Page 4 Match-up: phrase, synonyms, antonyms

Phrases 1F, 2H, 3B, 4J, 5C, 6I, 7D, 8A, 9G, 10E
Synonyms 1C, 2B, 3E, 4A, 5D
Antonyms 1C, 2A, 3B

Page 5 Grammar pairs

1B, 2B, 3A, 4B, 5A, 6A, 7A, 8A, 9B, 10B

Page 6 Missing vocabulary

1G, 2I, 3H, 4B, 5F, 6J, 7D, 8C, 9E, 10A

Page 7 Spelling

HEMISPHERE, ANNUALLY, HISTORICALLY, VISIBLE, RELATIVELY,
HORIZON, INTERVAL, EQUATOR, OBSERVERS, NAKED

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