

FACTS AND MYTHS ABOUT THE MOON



Choose the correct option. Only ONE answer is correct.

1. Which Greek god was the personification of the moon?

- ☐ Athena
- ☐ Dionysus
- ☐ Artemis
- ☐ Hermes

2. What happens if you cut your hair between the full and new moons?

- ☐ It will stop growing
- ☐ It will grow healthier and faster
- ☐ It will fall out
- ☐ It will turn curly

3. Which mythical creature comes to life during a full moon?

- ☐ Werewolf
- ☐ Banshee
- ☐ Goblin
- ☐ Vampire

4. According to ancient civilizations' beliefs...

- ☐ The new moon brought good health
- ☐ The full moon determined when women could get pregnant
- ☐ The new moon caused babies' deaths.
- ☐ The full moon would help you find a couple.

5. The only scientifically supported fact is that...

- ☐ The lunar cycle affects birth rates, fertility, menstrual cycles and cancer recovery.
- ☐ Stock market values are significantly lower during full moons because the moon affects investors' behaviour and decision-making.

- Extreme outcomes like suicides and violent crimes are affected by the full moon.
- While both the Moon and the Sun influence the ocean tides, the Moon plays the biggest role.

6. John Fitzgerald Kennedy...

- Was worried about the huge amount of money spent on the Apollo Space Program.
- Had promised to land a spacecraft on the moon before the end of 1969.
- Was happy to announce that nobody had been killed during experimental attempts and preparation.
- Was more interested in showing dominance over the Soviet Union than in space.

7. Before going to the Moon, astronauts trained for microgravity by ...

- Going into volcano craters.
- Climbing mountains in the Grand Canyon and Iceland.
- Walking in 'sideways' position.
- Jumping from planes and helicopters on different kinds of landscapes.

8. True facts about the Moon.

- There are many moons. Only Jupiter and Neptune are moonless.
- The Moon is the only extraterrestrial body that humans have visited.
- The combination of water, a heat source and an atmosphere raises the possibility that Jupiter harbours life.
- Dwarf planets like Pluto have no moons.

Check your answers with your classmate.

Then, together, write a paragraph with an explanation for each section to support your answers. Find evidence online. You can use the following links.

<https://www.winchesterhospital.org/health-library/article?id=156984>

<https://www.history.com/news/moon-landing-apollo-11-training-photos>

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/science/space/solar-system/moons/>

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