

- Tuần 2 - (06/01/2020 - 12/01/2020) Unit 6: Conservation

Read the text and choose the best answer.

There is a common expression in English language referring to a blue moon. When people say that something happens "only once in blue moon," they mean that it happens only very rarely, once in a great while. This expression has been around for at least a century and a half; there are references to this expression that date from the second half of the nineteenth century.

The expression "a blue moon" has come to refer to the second full moon occurring in any given calendar month. A second full moon is not called a blue moon because it is particularly blue or is any different in **hue** from the first full moon of the month. Instead, it is called a blue moon because it is so **rare**- The moon needs a little more than 29 days to complete the cycle from full moon to full moon. **Because** every month except February has more than 29 days, every month will have at least one full moon (except February, which will have a full moon unless there is a full moon at the very end of **January** and another full moon at the very beginning of **March**). It is on the occasion when a given calendar month has a second full moon that a blue moon occurs.

The blue moons of today are called blue moons because of their rarity and not because of their color however, the expression "blue moon" may have come into existence in reference to unusual circumstances in which the moon actually appeared blue. Certain natural phenomena of gigantic proportions can actually change the appearance of the moon from Earth. The eruption of the Krakatao volcano in 1883 left dust particles in the atmosphere, which clouded the sun and gave the moon a bluish tint. This particular occurrence of the blue moon may have given rise to the expression that we use today. Another example occurred more than a century later. When Mount Pinatubo erupted in the Philippines in 1991, the moon again took on a blue tint.

**This passage is about.....**

Chọn một câu trả lời:

- a. a month on the calendar
- b. an unusual color
- c. an idiomatic expression
- d. a phase of the moon

How long has the expression "once in a blue moon" been around?

Chọn một câu trả lời:

- a. For 200 years
- b. For less than 100 years
- c. For around 50 years
- d. For more than 100 years

How many blue moons would there most likely be in a century?

Chọn một câu trả lời:

- a. 4
- b. 100
- c. 35
- d. 70

*This does not happen very often, only three or four times in a decade. ( $100/3=33.33$ )*

The word "hue" in paragraph 2 is closest in meaning to

Chọn một câu trả lời:

- a. shape
- b. color
- c. date
- d. size

vì: A second full moon is not called a blue moon because it is particularly blue or is any different in hue from the first full moon of the month.

Which of the following might be the date of a "blue moon"?

Chọn một câu trả lời:

- a. February 28
- b. January 1
- c. April 15
- d. December 31

vì: - The moon needs a little more than 29 days to complete the cycle from full moon to full moon.

**A blue moon could best be described as**

Chọn một câu trả lời:

- a. a new moon that is not blue in color
- b. a full moon that is not blue in color
- c. a full moon that is blue in color
- d. a new moon that is blue in color

According to the passage, the moon actually looked blue

Chọn một câu trả lời:

- a. during the month of February
- b. several times a year
- c. after large volcanic eruptions

- d. when it occurred late in the month

vì: The eruption of the Krakatao volcano in 1883 left dust particles in the atmosphere, which clouded the sun and gave the moon a bluish tint.

**The expression "given rise to" in paragraph 3 could best be replaced by**

Chọn một câu trả lời:

- a. elevated the level of
- b. brightened the color of

- c. spurred the creation of      thúc đẩy việc tạo ra

- d. created a need for

vì: it is the most suitable answer.

Choose the most suitable headings for the paragraph.

An intellectual breakthrough, brilliant though it may be, does not automatically ensure that the transition is made from theory to practice. Despite the fact that rockets had been used sporadically for several hundred years, they remained a relatively minor artefact of civilisation until the twentieth century. Prodigious efforts, accelerated during two world wars, were required before the technology of primitive rocketry could be translated into the reality of sophisticated astronauts. It is strange that the rocket was generally ignored by writers of fiction to transport their heroes to mysterious realms beyond the Earth, even though it had been commonly used in fireworks displays in China since the thirteenth century. The reason is that nobody associated the reaction principle with the idea of travelling through space to a neighbouring world.

Chọn một câu trả lời:

- a. Writers' theories of the reaction principle
- b. The first use of steam
- c. The impact of the reaction principle



d. How the reaction principle

*vi: The reason is that nobody associated the reaction principle with the idea of travelling through space to a neighbouring world.*

Choose the most suitable headings for the paragraph.

The concept of the rocket, or rather the mechanism behind the idea of propelling an object into the air, has been around for well over two thousand years. However, it wasn't until the discovery of the reaction principle, which was the key to space travel and so represents one of the great milestones in the history of scientific thought, that rocket technology was able to develop. Not only did it solve a problem that had intrigued man for ages, but, more importantly, it literally opened the door to exploration of the universe.

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- Tuần 3 - (03/02/2020 - 09/02/2020) Unit 7: Education
- Read the text and choose the best answer.
- These stories of killer bees in the news in recent years have attracted a lot of attention as bees have made their way from South America to North America. Killer bees are reputed to be extremely aggressive in nature, although experts say that their aggression may have been somewhat inflated.
- The killer bee is a hybrid—or combination- of the very mild European strain of honeybee and the considerably more aggressive African bee, which was created when African strain was imported into Brazil in 1955. The African bees were brought into Brazil because their aggression was considered an advantage: they were far more productive than their European counterparts in that they spent a higher percentage of their time working and continued working longer in inclement weather than did the European bees.
- These killer bees have been known to attack humans and animals, and some fatalities have occurred. Experts point out, however, that the mixed breed known as the killer bee is actually not at all as aggressive as the pure African bee. They also point out that the attacks have a chemical cause. A killer bee stings only when it has been disturbed; it is not aggressive by nature. However, after a disturbed bee stings and flies away, it leaves its stinger embedded in the victim. In the vicera attached to the embedded stinger is the chemical isoamyl acetate, which has an odor that attracts other bees. As other bees approach the victim of the original sting, the victim tends to panic, thus disturbing other bees and causing them to sting. The new sting create more of the chemical isoamyl acetate, which attracts more bees and increases the panic level of the victim. Killer bees tend to travel in large cluster or swarms and thus respond in large numbers to the production of isoamyl acetate.

The main idea of this passage is that killer bees

Chọn một câu trả lời:

- a. have been moving unexpectedly rapidly through the Americas
- b. have been in the news a lot recently
- c. are a hybrid rather than a pure breed
- d. are not as aggressive as their reputation suggests

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The subject of the preceding paragraph was most likely

Chọn một câu trả lời:

- a. the chemical nature of killer bee attacks
- b. ways of producing honey
- c. the creation of the killer bee

- d. stories in the media about killer bees

These stories of killer bees in the news in recent years have attracted a lot of attention as bees have made their way from South America to North America.

Why were African bees considered beneficial?

Chọn một câu trả lời:

- a. They spent their time traveling.
- b. They produced an unusual type of honey.

- c. They were very aggressive.

- d. They hid from inclement weather.

vi: The African bees were brought into Brazil because their aggression was considered an advantage:

A "hybrid" in paragraph 2 is

Chọn một câu trả lời:

a. a predecessor

b. a mixture

c. an enemy

d. a relative

a mixture= combination

The word “inflated” in paragraph 1 could best be replaced by

Chọn một câu trả lời:

a. blown

b. exaggerated

c. burst

d. aired

vì: it is the most suitable answer.

The pronoun "They" in paragraph 3 refers to

Chọn một câu trả lời:

a. fatalities

b. experts

c. killer bees

d. humans and animals

vì: Experts point out, however, that the mixed breed known as the killer bee is actually not at all as aggressive as the pure African bee. They also point out that the attacks have a chemical cause.

It is stated in the passage that killer bees

Chọn một câu trả lời:

a. are more deadly than African bees

b. are less aggressive than African bees

c. always attack African bees

d. never attack animals

vi: The African bees were brought into Brazil because their aggression was considered an advantage: they were far more productive than their European counterparts

It can be inferred from the passage that the killer bee

Chọn một câu trả lời:

a. traveled from Brazil to Africa in 1955

b. did not exist early in the twentieth century

c. was a predecessor of the African bee

d. was carried from Africa to Brazil in 1955

vi: The killer bee is a hybrid—or combination- of the very mild European strain of honeybee and the considerably more aggressive African bee, which was created when African strain was imported into Brazil in 1955.

- Tuần 6 - (24/02/2020 - 01/03/2020) Unit 9: Man and nature
- Read the text and decide that the statement is TRUE, FALSE or NOT GIVEN
- When you think about it, it's amazing that anyone gets away with a carefree holiday. It seems there is limitless potential for things to go wrong, from flight delays and lost luggage to poor accommodation.
- A recent questionnaire showed that a third of people who replied had a complaint about their holiday last year. And when these unhappy holidaymakers discussed the problem with their tour company nearly half said it involved time and effort on their part to resolve things.
- When asked exactly what the reasons were for their dissatisfaction top of the list was flight delays and 20 per cent of holiday-makers to Europe said they had to wait up to an hour.
- More worrying is the fact that almost a third of holiday-makers who had complained said it was about the apartment or hotel room they had been allocated. There is an enormous variety of holiday accommodation and we recommend that consumers look for places that have been inspected by the Tourist Boards; this way they can have the confidence that they will get the type of accommodation they are looking for. It seems that tour companies now offer more honest accurate brochures though. Eight-five per cent of holiday-makers who

responded to our questionnaire said the description offered by the company matched the place they visited and the facilities provided.

- This is good news for the industry and for holiday-makers. A holiday is a major purchase - yet it's one we can't try before we pay. All we have to go on is the brochure and it's a credit to tour operators that they now contain more detail.
- OUR ADVICE
- DO be realistic. No one should be palmed off with a poor standard of service, food or accommodation even if you paid a rock-bottom price for a last-minute break. However, be reasonable - you won't get a room with the best view in town if you've paid a budget price.
- DO complain to the right person. Moaning to the waiter about a week's worth of appalling food, then writing an indignant letter when you get back home won't have the same impact as airing your grievances at the time.
- DO get evidence for a serious problem such as having a building site instead of the promised swimming pool below your window. Take a photo to back up your case.
- DON'T write and complain for the sake of it. Letters can be powerful as long as they're about something you have a good reason to complain about.
- DON'T lose your temper. Easier said than done, but you're more likely to get results if you state your case firmly, explain why you think there's a problem then suggest a reasonable solution.

The most common problem for holiday-makers is crowded airports.

Chọn một câu trả lời:

- a. TRUE
- b. NOT GIVEN
- c. FALSE

vì: The common problems are flight delays, not crowded airports

Solving problems can be hard work for the holiday-maker.

Chọn một câu trả lời:

- a. FALSE
- b. TRUE
- c. NOT GIVEN

vì: nearly half said it involved time and effort on their part to resolve things.

Hotel staff can advise you on who you should complain to.

Chọn một câu trả lời:

- a. TRUE
- b. FALSE
- c. NOT GIVEN

vì: The text does not mention it. It simply says you should complain to right person.

If you are not good at writing letters, find someone to help you.

Chọn một câu trả lời:

- a. FALSE
- b. TRUE
- c. NOT GIVEN

vì: The text does not mention it.

Photographs may help to support an argument about a holiday problem.

Chọn một câu trả lời:

- a. TRUE
- b. NOT GIVEN
- c. FALSE

vì: Take a photo to back up your case.

Tour companies provide a satisfactory level of information to holiday-makers.

Chọn một câu trả lời:

- a. FALSE
- b. TRUE
- c. NOT GIVEN

vì: it's a credit to tour operators that they now contain more detail.

Overall, holiday accommodation poses few problems.

Chọn một câu trả lời:

- a. FALSE
- b. NOT GIVEN
- c. TRUE

vì: holiday-makers who complained said it was about the apartment or hotel room

A low-cost holiday should still offer some high-quality services.

Chọn một câu trả lời:

- a. FALSE
- b. TRUE
- c. NOT GIVEN

vì: No one should be palmed off with a poor standard of service

Read the text and match the car-hire websites to the statement.

## Hiring a Car Online

Online car hire promises to be cheap, quick and convenient. But is it? Neil McDougall revs up his mouse

Cash.com.uk

One to consider if you're going to the States, although, after I'd worked through half the booking process, it returned an error message without telling me which element of the procedure needed adjusting. I got there in the end. There is an inspirational section with detailed directions for some of the great drives of America.

Expeed.org.uk

Book a flight with Expeed and when you continue on to the car-hire section, the software already knows where you are going and when. However, you seem to be restricted to cities with airports for your car hire, and additional taxes are presented in travel-agent speak.

Cutprice.com

Is currently offering an aggressive lowest rates guarantee, an extra discount for former Holtravel clients and a package of free gifts to sweeten the deal. It also commits to no insurance excess on any of their rentals anywhere.

Hot.org

Straightforward to navigate, with plenty of information on rental requirements and rules of operation. There are photographs of the types of vehicles available, leaving no doubt what a 'premium' or 'compact' car is. It took me just seconds to start reserving a car but then the whole thing ground to a halt and refused all attempts to access the reservation system.

It is possible to see what the cars look like.

Chọn một câu trả lời:

- a. Cutprice.com
- b. Hot.org
- c. Expeed.org.uk
- d. Cash.com.uk

Assistance is provided with some holiday routes.

Chọn một câu trả lời:

- a. Hot.org
- b. Expeed.org.uk
- c. Cash.com.uk
- d. Cutprice.com

