

moon, *n.*¹

(mu:n)

Forms: 1 **móna**, 2–7 **mone**, (4 **mon**, **mowne**), 4–7 **moone**; *north.* 4–6 **moyn(e)**, 5–6 **mwne**, 8 **mune**, 8–9 **muin**, 6– **moon**.

[Com. Teut.: OE. *móna* wk. masc. = OFris. *môna*, OS. *mâno* masc. (MLG. *mâne* masc., MDu. *mâne* masc., fem., Du. *maan* fem.), OHG. *mâno* masc. (MHG. *mâne*, *mône*, *môn* masc., rarely fem.; also *mânt*, *mônt*, *mônde*, mod.G. *mond* masc.), ON. *máne* masc. (Sw. *måne*, Da. *maane*), Goth. *mêna* masc.:—OTeut. **mænon*-.

According to Brugmann this form has arisen by substitution of suffix, from the *t*-stem **mæñōþ*- **MONTH**, as OTeut. **nefon*- **NEPHEW** from Indogermanic **nepōt*- (cf. L. *nepōt-em*). Cognate words for 'moon' and 'month' are found in all branches of the Indogermanic family; outside Teut. the following types occur: **mēnā* (Gr. *μήνη* moon), **mēnon*- (Lith. *mēdota* <*tabacu*>*nũ* moon), **mēne-s*, -*os*- (Lith. *mēdota* <*tabacu*>*nesis*, dial. *mēdota* <*tabacu*>*nas*, month), and with reduced grade of stem-suffix **mēns*- (Skr. *mās*, *māsa*, Zend *mānha*, OSl. *měsęcĩ*, moon, month, Gr. *μήν*, Ion. *μείς*, L. *mēnsis*, Irish *mī*, month). The prevailing view that the root is **mē*-, to measure (the moon having, it is supposed, been named from its function as a measurer of time) is plausible, but cannot be considered certainly true.]

1. a. The satellite of the earth; a secondary planet, whose light, derived from the sun, is reflected to the earth and serves to dispel the darkness of night.

The moon's constantly recurring changes and phases (see 1 c and **NEW MOON**, **FULL MOON**, **HALF-MOON**, **HARVEST MOON**, and cf. **CRESCENT**, **QUARTER**) have caused it to be taken as a common type of changeableness or fickleness. They are popularly supposed to influence the health of body and mind, and to cause lunacy (cf. **LUNATIC**). The moon's appearance to the eye of being diversified with light and dark patches gave rise to the fanciful comparison of its disc to a man's face (see 1 f and **MAN-IN-THE-MOON**). It has been worshipped as a deity by many races; in classical mythology it was identified with various goddesses (see 1 b). Its white or silvery light is taken as emblematical of coldness or chastity. The moon's attraction is the chief cause of the tides. The period in which the moon completes her series of changes, or in which her orbital revolution brings her back to the same apparent position with regard to the sun, is called a month; in astronomical use this term is applied in a wider sense (see **MONTH** *n.*¹ 2 a).

c888 K. ÆLFRED *Boeth.* xxi, Sio sunne bringð leohte daȝas, & se mona liht on niht. **c1205** LAY. 17861 Þa a þan auen time þe mone gon to scine. **c1250** Gen. & Ex. 145 Ðe mones liȝt is moneð met. **a1300** *Cursor M.* 17288 + 59 He wald for vus marterd bee, þat time when þe moyn wor ful. **c1384** CHAUCER *H. Fame* iii. 1026 To wexe and wane..As dooth the faire whyte mone. **c1460** *Towneley Myst.* xiv. 177 It gyfys more light..Then any son..Or mone, when he of son has ton his light. **1486** Bk. *St. Albans* c vj, Take hony at the chaungyng of the moon. **1577** B. GOOGE *Heresbach's Husb.* i. (1586) 20 Looke that the winde be Westerly, and the moon in the wane. **1588** SHAKES. *L.L.L.* iv. iii. 30 The siluer Moone. **1649** FULLER *Just Man's Funeral* 13 The moon would have shined without any spots. **1774** GOLDSM. *Nat. Hist.* (1776) l. 253 The waters of the sea, running from all parts, to attend the motions of

the moon, produce the flowing of the tide. **1850** TENNYSON *In Mem.* xxviii, The moon is hid; the night is still. **1873** DAWSON *Earth & Man* i. 9 The moon seems to be a body which has had time to complete the whole history of geological change, and to become a dry, dead, and withered world.

b. Since the disappearance of the grammatical genders of OE., in which *móna* was masc., the feminine pronoun has commonly been used in referring to the moon, even when no personification is intended (the neuter pronoun occurs, but less frequently); in poetry the moon is often personified, always as a female, and sometimes, after classical example, identified with various goddesses, as Cynthia, Diana, Phœbe.

c **1290** *St. Michael* 451 in *S. Eng. Leg.* l. 312 Ase man may bi þe Mone i-seo þe 3wyle heo is neowe riȝt. **13..** *E.E. Allit. P. A.* 1069 The mone may þer-of acroche no myȝte, To spotty ho is, of body to grym. **1382** WYCLIF *Isa.* xiii. 10 The moone shal not shyne in his [**1388** hir] lyȝt. *Matt.* xxiv. 29 The sunne schal be maad derk, and the mone schal not ȝyue hir liȝt. **1390** GOWER *Conf.* III. 108 Benethe alle othre stant the Mone.: Of flodes hihe and ebbes lowe Upon his change it schal be knowe. **1591** SPENSER *Virg. Gnat* 508 And eke the Moone her hastie steedes did stay. **1784** COWPER *Tiroc.* 38 And, when descending he [sc. the sun] resigns the skies, Why takes the gentler moon her turn to rise? **1842** TENNYSON *Love & Duty* 22 The Sun will run his orbit, and the Moon Her circle.

c. With reference to the moon's changes or phases, its influences, etc.

c **1374** CHAUCER *Compl. Mars* 235 He that hath with love to done Hath ofter wo then changed is the mone. **1393** LANGL. *P. Pl. C.* x. 108 Lunatik lollers and leperes a-boute, And mad as þe mone sitt more oþer lasse. **1509** HAWES *Past. Pleas.* xviii. (Percy Soc.) 83 The minde of men chaungeth as the mone. **1603** SHAKES. *Meas. for M.* III. i. 25 Thou art not certaine, For thy complexion shifts to strange effects, After the Moone. **a** **1668** DAVENANT *Law agst. Lovers* III. i, That were a sudden change, and would shew More of the Moon in him, than is in a mad-woman. **1784** COWPER *Task* II. 599 Our habits..change with ev'ry moon. **1803** *Med. Jnl.* IX. 138 This periodical increase and decrease of the fever he was inclined to ascribe to the changes of the moon.

d. mean moon (Astr.): an imaginary moon supposed for purposes of calculation to move uniformly in the ecliptic, completing its circuit in the same time as the actual moon. **calendar, ecclesiastical moon**: an imaginary moon used in determining the date of Easter.

1712 *Rule for Finding Easter* p. vii, In the Year 1664, the Astronomical Moon, viz. the Moon in the Heavens; and the Ecclesiastical one, viz. that found by the Column of Golden Numbers, happening to differ from each other, this Rule became matter of great Dissention. **1877** *Encycl. Brit.* VII. 615/1 This calendar moon is not the moon of the heavens, nor the mean moon of the astronomers. **1878** *Bk. Com. Prayer acc. to Use Ch. Irel.*, The Moon referred to in the definition of Easter-Day is not the actual Moon of the

Heavens, but the Calendar Moon, or Moon of the Lunar Cycle, which is counted as full on its fourteenth day.

e. Proverb. **to believe that the moon is made of (fa) green cheese (or cream cheese)**: to believe an absurdity. Similarly, **fto say that the moon is blue**. See also [CHEESE n.¹ 2 a](#).

1528 Roy *Rede Me* (Arb.) 114 Yf they saye the mone is belewe, We must beleve that it is true. **1529** FRITH *Antith.* Wks. (1573) 105/1 They woulde make men beleue..that ye Moone is made of grene chese. **1611, 1638, 1783** [see [CHEESE n.¹ 2](#)]. **1752** C. LENNOX *Fem. Quix.* iv. i, You may as well persuade me the Moon is made of a Cream Cheese, as that [etc.]. **1768-74** [see [CREAM-CHEESE](#)].

f. with allusion to the [MAN-IN-THE-MOON](#).

a 1310 in Wright *Lyric P.* xxxix. 110 This ilke mon upon heh when er he were, wher he were ythe mone boren ant y-fed. **c 1374** CHAUCER *Troilus* i. 1024 pou hast a ful grete care Lest þat þe Cherl wole falle out of þe mone. **c 1449** PECOCK *Repr.* ii. iv. (Rolls) 155 A man which stale sumtyme a birthan of thornis was sett in to the moone, there forto abide for euere. **1588** SHAKES. *L.L.L.* v. ii. 214 *Rosa*. You tooke the Moone at full, but now shee's changed? *Kin*. Yet still she is the Moone, and I the Man. **1597** LYLly (*title*) *The Woman in the Moone*.

tg. moon's man: a man who is under the moon's influence. (See also [MOON-MAN](#).) **minion of the moon** = [MOON-MAN 1](#). **moon's minion** (pseudo-arch.): a night-watchman.

1596 SHAKES. *1 Hen. IV*, i. ii. 30 Let vs be Dianaes Forresters, Gentlemen of the Shade, Minions of the Moone. [Cf. i. ii. 15.] *Ibid.* 35 The fortune of vs that are the Moones men, dooth ebbe and flow like the Sea. **1609** [DEKKER] *Ravens Alm.* B, At the beginning of every Almanack, it is the fashion to haue the body of a man..bitten and shot at by wild beasts and monsters. And this fellow, they..call the man of the moon, or the moons man. **1623** CAMDEN *Rem., Apparel* (1636) 237 To what cause our mutability..may be referred, I know not, vnlesse that we..are *Lunares* or the Moones men. **1827** LYTTON *Pelham* xlix, In an instant two of the moon's minions, staffs, lanterns, and all, were measuring their length at the foot of their name~sake of royal memory.

h. fig. (esp. associated with the sun or the stars).

c 1586 ROYDON *Elegie Sir P. Sidney* Spenser's Wks. (Globe) 569/2 Tis likely they acquainted soone; He was a Sun, and she a Moone. **1588** SHAKES. *L.L.L.* iv. iii. 230 My Loue (her Mistres) is a gracious Moone, Shee (an attending Starre) scarce seene a light. **1668** R. STEELE *Husbandman's Calling* v. (1672) 70 The moon of the world doth interpose and hide from him the sight and beams of the Sun of Righteousness. **1778** JOHNSON 29 Apr. in *Boswell*, Modern writers are the moons of literature; they shine with reflected light,

with light borrowed from the ancients.

2. The moon as visible during one (lunar) month is in popular language spoken of as a distinct object from that of another month; its 'age' being the number of days that have elapsed since new moon. Similarly, the n. is used with qualifying words for: The moon as shining or visible at some particular time or place, or as presenting some particular appearance. (See also **NEW MOON**, **FULL MOON**, **HARVEST MOON**, etc.)

there is a moon, there is no moon = the moon is visible (not visible) at the time and in the place indicated or implied. **the old moon in the new moon's arms (or lap)**: the appearance of the moon during the first quarter in which the dark portion of the orb is made faintly luminous by earth-light.

c 1000 Sax. Leechd. III. 182 On anre nihte ealdne monan. *Ibid.* 252 Se winterlica mona gæð norðor þonne seo sunne ga on sumera. **1154 O.E. Chron.** an. 1135 Als it uuare threniht ald mone an sterres abuten him at mid dæi. **c 1386 CHAUCER Prol.** 403 But of his craft to rekene wel his tydes,.. His herberwe and his moone,..Ther nas noon swich. **1556 WITHALS Dict.** (1568) 1/2 The time betweene the olde Moone and the newe. **1602 SHAKES. Ham.** III. ii. 167 And thirtie dozen Moones with borrowed sheene, About the World haue times twelue thirties beene. **1661 EVELYN Tyrannus** (ed. 2) 13 When the State it self was as seldome above the Age of a Moon without a new face. **17.. Sir Patrick Spens** vi, I saw the new moon..Wi' the auld moone in her arme. **1802 COLERIDGE Dejection** 13 Lo! the New-moon winter-bright!.. I see the old Moon in her lap, fortelling The coming-on of rain and squally blast. **1820 KEATS Hyperion** i. 83 One moon, with alteration slow, had shed Her silver seasons four upon the night. **1823 F. CLISSOLD Ascent Mt. Blanc** 22 The sun being now near his setting, and there being no moon. **1837 Penny Cycl.** IX. 253/1 If the paschal moon fall on a Sunday, the next Sunday is Easter Sunday. **1860 TYNDALL Glac.** i. xxv. 185 The night being without a moon, we carried three lanterns. **1884 Harper's Mag.** Nov. 906/2 The young moon hung in the west. **1894 H. NISBET Bush Girl's Rom.** 17 The moon was divine as it bathed everything with its silver lustre, as only Australian moons can do.

3. a. With reference to the moon's position above the earth, or its conspicuousness in the sky; often quasi-personified, e.g. as the witness of terrestrial doings, the 'queen of the night', or the like.

Shakespeare has many passages containing such allusions.

c 1220 Bestiary 598 He sweren bi ðe rode, bi ðe sunne and bi ðe mone. **1484 CAXTON Fables of Æsop** iv. x. (1889) 115 God kepe..the mone fro the wulues. [Cf. Cotgr. s.v. *Lune*, *Garder la lune des loups*, and Rabelais i. xi.] **1553 Respublica** III. iv. 759, I will couche youe all vp soone, where ye shalnot bee spied neither of Sonne nor Mone. **1597 MORLEY Introd. Mus.** 183 Making as little account of them as the moone doth of the barking of a dog. **1600 SHAKES. A.Y.L.** v. ii. 119 Pray you no more of this, 'tis like the howling of Irish Wolues against the Moone. **1667 MILTON P.L.** i. 784 While over head the Moon Sits Arbitress. **1807 COLERIDGE To Wordsw.** 101 A tranquil sea, Outspread and bright, yet swelling to the moon.

b. Phrases. *funder the moon, anunder moon*: in this sublunary sphere, on earth; contrariwise ***fabove, beyond the moon. fbelow the moon***: sublunary, earthly. (***fto praise, boast) above or beyond the moon***: extravagantly. ***fto cast, go beyond the moon***: to go to extravagant lengths. ***to be (or jump) over the moon***: to be very happy or delighted.

a 1300 *Cursor M.* 15610 Of his soru mai naman tell þat liues vnder þe mone. **13..** *E.E. Allit. P. A.* 1092 His lyf wer loste an-vnder mone. **c 1380** *Wyclif Wks.* (1880) 192 Trewe seruyce of god is lettid & þis veyn knackyng..is preised abouen þe mone. **c 1425** *Cast. Persev.* 2691 in *Macro Plays* 154 Mary! þi sone a-bouyn þe mone, as make Mankynde trewe & sad, In grace for to gon. **a 1518** *SKELTON Magnyf.* 226 All is without measure, and fer beyonde the mone. **a 1533** *FRITH Another Bk. agst. Rastell* (1829) 220 Rastell thinketh that I stand well in my own conceit, and boast myself above the moon. **1559**, etc. [see **CAST v. 41**]. **1586** *A. DAY Eng. Secretary* i. (1625) 80 You reckon too wide, you goe beyond the Moone. **1602** *SHAKES. Ham.* iv. vii. 146 All Simples that haue Vertue Vnder the Moone. **1613** *Hen. VIII*, iii. ii. 134 His Thinkings are below the Moone, not worth His serious considering. **1625** *BACON Ess., Ceremonies* (Arb.) 27 The Dwelling vpon them, and Exalting them aboue the Moone, is..Tedious. **1724** *RAMSAY Vision* xii, Far abue the mune, We watching beings do conuene. [**c 1765** in *Oxf. Dict. Nursery Rhymes* (1951) 205 High diddle, diddle, The Cat and the Fiddle, The Cow jump'd over the Moon.] **1833** *S. SMITH Life & Writings J. Downing* 18, I could have jumped over the moon. **1840** *T. C. HALIBURTON Clockmaker* 3rd Ser. viii. 109 Ready to jump over the moon for delight. **1936** *M. KENNEDY Together & Apart* iii. 189 She didn't know she had a brother and she's over the moon. **1944** *N. COWARD Middle East Diary* 116 The Captain..is..absolutely over the moon with pleasure at having this command. **1972** *J. BROWN Chancer* iv. 53 He goes back there. She's over the moon, of course, and off they go to parties.

c. Typifying a place impossible to reach or a thing impossible to get. Esp. in phr. *to ask (cry, wish) for the moon*: to ask or wish for the unattainable.

[**1550** *N. UDALL Answer to Commoners of Devonshire & Cornwall* in *N. Pocock Troubles connected with Prayer Bk. of 1549* (1884) 178 They will cry to have a piece of the moon.] **1593** *SHAKES. 2 Hen. VI*, iii. i. 158 And dogged Yorke, that reaches at the Moone, Whose ouer-weening Arme I haue pluckt back. **1777** *PRIESTLEY Matt. & Spir.* (1782) i. Pref. 7 My mind is no more in my body, than it is in the moon. **1813** *WELLINGTON in Gurw. Desp.* (1838) XI. 86 If I had been at any time capable of doing what these gentlemen expected, I should now I believe have been in the Moon. **1847** *TENNYSON Princess* iv. 408, I babbled for you, as babies for the moon. **1852** *DICKENS Bleak Ho.* vi. He was a mere child in the world, but he didn't cry for the moon. **1860** *THACKERAY Lovel* v. (1861) 196, I might as well wish for the moon as hope to get her. **1928** *E. O. WINSTEDT tr. Cicero's Lett. to Atticus* II. x. 293 You are asking for the moon. **1930** *J. B. PRIESTLEY Angel Pavement* vi. 307 That was not asking much, and yet..he could not help thinking it was really like asking for the moon. **1946** *V. S. PRITCHETT Living Novel* 44 They are grown up. They

do not cry for the moon. **1965** *Listener* 16 Sept. 431/1 To turn on the telly every night for a week and expect to see what you yourself would choose to see is little short of asking for the moon. **1972** *Accountant* 5 Oct. 410/1 To hope for equity or justice in any such scheme is to cry for the moon.

†**d.** In various phrases expressing ineffectual or useless action or attempt.
Obs.

a 1529 SKELTON *Bouge of Court* 383 Thou mayste not studye, or muse on the mone. **1590** SIR J. SMYTH *Disc. Weapons* 15 Their bullets doo worke as much effect against the Moone, as against the Enemie that they shoote at. **1655** [see **BARK V.**¹ 2]. **1705** tr. *Bosman's Guinea* 433 To think of forcing any thing from them, is to dispute with the Moon.

e. to shoot (†bolt, †shove) the moon (slang): to make a 'moonlight flit'.

1823 *Grose's Dict. Vulgar T.* (ed. Egan), *Shoving the Moon*, moving goods by moonlight to prevent their being seized by the landlord. *Cant.* **a 1825** *Universal Songster* I. 70 She wish'd to gammon her landlord, and likewise bolt the moon. **1837** P. HAWKER *Diary* (1893) II. 123 He having just 'shot the moon', I had to follow him to a cockloft in St. Giles's. **1892** ZANGWILL *Bow Mystery* 10 It is well for the landlord to be about his own estate in Bow, where poachers often shoot the moon.

4. An appearance in the sky resembling a moon. (Cf. *mock-moon*.)

a 1123 *O.E. Chron.* an. 1106 (MS. E) On þa niht þe on morgen wæs Cena Domini..wæron gesewen twegen monan. **1500-20** DUNBAR *Poems* xxxv. 50 Full weill I wist to me wald nevir cum thrift, Quhill that twa monis were sene vp in the lift. **1595** SHAKES. *John* iv. ii. 182 They say fiue Moones were seene to night: Foure fixed, and the fift did whirle about The other foure, in wondrous motion. **1784** COWPER *Task* v. 152 A wat'ry light..that seem'd Another moon new risen, or meteor fall'n From heav'n to earth.

5. A figure or representation of the moon, either crescent-shaped (cf. **HALF-MOON**) or circular (like the full moon); a moon-shaped ornament or vessel.

Specific uses are: (a) a gas-globe (cf. **MOON-SHADE**); (b) *U.S. slang*, a large circular biscuit.

1431 *Rec. St. Mary at Hill* (1905) 26 A hole vestement of blu veluet with sterres & mones of golde. **1520-1** *Fabric Rolls York Minster* (Surtees) 305 Too corporax casis..the one wth a moone, & the other of cloth of tusshew blake of the owt side. **1594** ? PEELE *Alcazar* I. i, Our Moores haue seen the siluer moons to wane, In banners brauely spreading ouer the plaine. **1642** R. CARPENTER *Experience* v. xix. 326 Your arguments are like your invincible Armado's which in their first appearance make a mighty Moone, but are burnt and confounded in the end. **1821** [see **MAHOMET**]. **1832** TENNYSON *Pal. Art* 188 And pure quintessences of precious oils In hollow'd moons of gems. **1883** 'MARK TWAIN' *Life on Mississ.* lii. 460, I spent my last 10 cts. for 2 moons (large round sea-biscuit) & cheese. **1883** *B'ham Daily Post* 11 Oct., Tumblers and Gas Moons.

b. *slang*. The buttocks. (Used in *sing.* and *pl.*)

1756 *Life & Mem. E. T. Bates* iii. 31 But his Moon shall never be covered by me or Buck..till they put down the Ready—and no Brummagums. **1922** JOYCE *Ulysses* 82 Or their skirt behind, placket unhooked. Glimpses of the moon. **1938** S. BECKETT *Murphy* 220 Placing her hands upon her moons, plump and plain.

c. A moon-shaped mark or area; *spec.* a small area of greater translucency observable by transmitted light in some early porcelains such as Chelsea.

1855 *Poultry Chron.* III. 57 Breast. The best spangled and clearest from tipping with white at the end of the moon. **1865** *Chambers's Encycl.* VII. 535/2 An artificial fly..adorned with two moons from a peacock's tail. **1909** *Chambers's Jnl.* Sept. 586/2 Chelsea [porcelain]..may be distinguished by..greasy-looking discs known as 'moons' in the paste. **1935** *Amer. Speech* X. 159/1 *Moons*, crescent-shaped nicks which agates [*sc.* marbles] receive from hard hits. The belief was that soaking an agate in vinegar would take out the moons. **1948** W. B. HONEY *Old Eng. Porc.* (new ed.) ii. 53 The exceptionally beautiful porcelain of the red-anchor period has a very soft paste of fine grain, often showing by transmitted light the round spots of higher translucency known to collectors as 'moons'. **1959** G. SAVAGE *Antique Collector's Handbk.* 79 From 1750 to 1753 a body noted for its 'moons', or patches of greater translucency, was employed.

6. The disc, plate, or orifice representing the moon in a clock which exhibits the moon's phases.

1546-7 *Burgh Rec. Stirling* (1887) 45 Ane orlege and mone with all necessaris tharof, kepand just cours fra xij houris to xij houris. **1628** *Burgh Rec. Glasgow* (1876) I. 366 For..vpputting of the horolog brodis, mones, bunkis and roweris. **17..** FERGUSON in J. Nicholson *Operat. Mechanic* (1825) 493 The plate that carries the moon, that is a round hole *m*, through which the phase or appearance of the moon is seen on the sun's plate.

7. The satellite of a planet.

1665 *Phil. Trans.* I. 72 If these two Planets have Moons wheeling about them. **1667** MILTON *P.L.* VIII. 149 And other Suns..With thir attendant Moons. **1784** COWPER *Tiroc.* 634 The moons of Jove. **1838** J. P. NICHOL *Solar Syst.* 139 Jupiter has four moons, each larger than ours.

8. a. *poet.* = **MOONLIGHT**.

1390 GOWER *Conf.* I. 327 Pirus cam after sone Unto the welle, and be the Mone He fond hire wimpel blodi there. **1667** MILTON *P.L.* I. 440 To whose bright Image nightly by the Moon Sidonian Virgins paid their Vows. **1833** TENNYSON *Lady of Shalott* i. 33 And by the moon the reaper weary, Piling sheaves in uplands airy. **1896** A. E. HOUSMAN *Shropshire Lad* xxxvi, White in

the moon the long road lies.

b. *U.S. colloq.* = **MOONSHINE** 4; *spec.* whisky.

1928 *Collier's* 29 Dec. 8/2 Wherever you go in Colorado a bootlegger..says to you 'Mister, this is good stuff. It's Leadville "moon".' *Ibid.* 8/3 The art of producing sugar 'moon' and aging it in charred casks. **1950** *Sat. Even. Post* 27 May 20/1, I would buy a couple of pints of moon.

†**9.** With ordinal numeral, denoting a particular day after a new moon. *Obs.*
Cf. L. *luna tertia, quarta*, etc.

c 1000 *Sax. Leechd.* III. 184 Mona se forma on eallum pingum dondum nytlic ys..& blod lætan oððe wanian ealne dæg mona god ys. *Ibid.*, Mona se oðer..Mona se ðridda. **1709** *Rule for finding Easter* 8 By fixing Easter-Day upon the Lord's-Day following the 14th Moon.

10. a. The period from one new moon to the next; a lunation, lunar month; *gen.* a month. **ftwelve moons** = twelvemonth. Until recently, common in **the —th (day) of the moon**; now chiefly *poet.* and in renderings of the speech of primitive or uncivilized peoples.

c 1375 *Cursor M.* 9152 (Fairf.) Helias þat prophete..þat stint þe rayne þorou his praier, hit lasted vj. mones [*Cott.* monet, *Gött.* monethes] & iij. 3ere. **a 1400** *Med. Receipts in Rel. Ant.* I. 52 The .ix. day in that ilk mone. **c 1400** *Destr. Troy* 1064 At Mid Aprille, the mone when myrthes begyn. **1523** *FITZHERB. Husb.* §20 Terre..neuer dothe appere, tyll the moneth of lune, and specyallye whanne there is great wete in that mone. **1608** *SHAKES. Per.* II. v. 10 One twelue Moones more shee'le weare Dianas liuerie. **1618** *J. DYKE Caveat Archippus* (1619) 20 Who may not soone be sufficient to reade..the Church-seruice, and once in a Moone to bestow a mornings blessing vpon his people? **1653** *H. COGAN tr. Pinto's Trav.* ii. (1663) 33 The last assault, that was given on the thirteenth day of the Moon. **1716** *GAY Trivia* II. 360 When hoary Thames..Was three long moons in icy fetters bound. **1756** *WASHINGTON Lett. Writ.* 1889 I. 393 They proposed..to stay only one moon, and then to start for their nation. **1822** *LAMB Elia Ser.* I. *Roast Pig*, A young and tender suckling—under a moon old. **1876** *Encycl. Brit.* IV. 675/1 The 14th of the paschal moon. **1877** *W. MATTHEWS Ethnogr. Hidatsa* 60 A land where the summer was but three moons long. **1901** *HENLEY Hawthorn & Lavender* 40 This is the moon of roses, The lovely and flowerful time.

b. *slang.* A month's imprisonment. Freq. with *pl.* as *moon*.

1830 *MONCRIEFF Hrt. London* II. i. (Farmer), They've lumbered him for a few moons, that's all. **1894** *A. MORRISON Mean Streets* 259 So Scuddy's life went on, with occasional misfortunes in the way of a moon, or another drag. **1928** *E. WALLACE Gunner* vi. 50 Gunner's got three moon for bein' a suspected. **1936** *J. CURTIS Gilt Kid* iv. 39, I was doing nine moon for screwing. **1953** *K. TENNANT Joyful Condemned* xviii. 167, I got a twelve moon.

C. = **HONEYMOON**.

[**1709** MRS. MANLEY *Secret Mem.* (1736) l. 28 Tho' it survives not the Hymenæan moon.] **1859** G. MEREDITH *R. Feverel* xxxii, Where may these lunatics have gone to spend the Moon?

11. The time during which the moon is visible. *Obs.* or *poet.*

1375 BARBOUR *Bruce* iv. 617 And als soyn as the moyn wes past, Hym thought weill that he saw a fyre. **1832** TENNYSON *Eleänore* 124 The..odorous wind Breathes low between the sunset and the moon.

†**12. the moon.** **a.** *Alch.* Silver. **b.** *Her.* Argent.

1572 J. BOSSEWELL *Armorie* ii. 119 b, His fiede is Saturne, an hande dextre in fesse, of the moone. **1610** B. JONSON *Alch.* ii. i, The great med'cine! Of which one part projected on a hundred Of..Venus, or the Moone, Shall turne it to as many of the Sunne. **1651** FRENCH *Distill.* vi. 197 It will resolve the bodies of the Sunne, and Moone.

†**13.** A fit of frenzy; = **LUNE 2.** *Obs.*

1607 TOURNEUR *Rev. Trag.* ii. E 2, I know 'twas but some peeuish Moone in him. **1642** SIR E. DERING *Sp. on Relig.* 94 A new Moon did take these men, I did begin to finde a different greeting.

14. = **MOON-EYE 1.** ? *Obs.*

1726 W. GIBSON *Diet. Horses* (ed. 2) 213 Other Infirmitie..such as Moons and Defluxions in the Eyes.

15. attrib. and *Comb.* **a.** Simple attrib. = 'of or pertaining to the moon, existing in or made by the moon or moonlight', as **moon-base**, **-blasting**, **-cloud**, **-dawn**, **-dew**, **-dust**, **-folk**, **-gleam**, **-glimpse**, **-haze**, **-land**, **-lander**, **-landing**, **-landscape**, **-maid**, **-mist**, **-mountain**, **-path**, **-pull**, **-ray**, **-rising**, **-rock**, **-setting**, **-shadow**, **-sky**, **-stuff**, **-tide**, **-track**, **-wake**; **b.** objective, as **moon-gazing** adj.; **c.** instrumental or locative = 'by the moon or moonlight, in the moonlight, under the influence of the moon', as **moon-bathed**, **-blanched**, **-blasted**, **-bright**, **-brightened**, **-chained**, **-charmed**, **-chequered**, **-crazed**, **-dappled**, **-dazzled**, **-drawn**, **-drenched**, **-flecked**, **-flooded**, **-freezing**, **-gathered**, **-glittering**, **-haunted**, **-horned**, **-led**, **-locked**, **-loved**, **-mad**, **-made**, **-mellowed**, **-misted**, **-parched**, **-raised**, **-rich**, **-shadowed**, **-soaked**, **-tanned**, **-taught**, **-trodden**, **-warmed**, **washed**, **-whitened** adjs.; also (sense 5) **moon-crowned** adj.; **d.** similitive, as **moon-arched**, **browed**, **-faced** ppl. adjs.; also = 'moon-shaped', as **moon-head**; **e.** **moon-blue**, **-cold**, **-coloured**, **-cool**, **-grey**, **-pale**, **-white**, **-yellow** adjs.

1776 MICKLE tr. *Camoens' Lusiad* ii. 77 Stern warriors with the quivering lance, Or *moon-arch'd bow.

1961 *Economist* 18 Nov. 676/2 Commercial services..between New York and *Moonbase Alpha in one day. **1969** *Guardian* 15 July 6/6 One of the things we shall be doing in those early lunar flights is to find a good place for a moon base.

1909 *Daily Chron.* 4 Sept. 7/4 He was looking up at the *moon-bathed cliff with a rapt intense look. **1939** SPENDER & GILI tr. *Lorca's Poems* 51 To the sound of cold tambourines And moon-bathed cithars.

1852 M. ARNOLD *Summer Night* 1 In the deserted *moon-blached street.

1794 COLERIDGE *Relig. Musings* 338 Ghastlier shapings than surround *Moon-blasted Madness when he yells at midnight.

1642 MILTON *Apol. Smect.* Wks. 1851 III. 314 Those thanks in the womans Churching for her delivery from Sunburning and *Moonblasting.

1918 D. H. LAWRENCE *New Poems* 33 A *moon-blue moth goes fluttering by. **1922** JOYCE *Ulysses* 438 Her moonblue satin slipper.

1806 MOORE *Epist.* I. iv, How we should feel, and gaze with bliss Upon the *moon-bright scenery here!

1911 *Moon brightened [see *image crowded* adj. (*IMAGE n.* 8)].

1855 BAILEY *Mystic*, etc. 90 *Moon-browed maids.

1946 DYLAN THOMAS *Deaths & Entrances* 63 The *moon-chained and water-wound Metropolis of fishes.

1855 M. ARNOLD *Southern Night* xxx, Down to the brimm'd *moon-charmed Main.

1910 W. DE LA MARE *Three Mulla-Mulgars* vii. 95 The deep shadows of the *moon-chequered forest.

1813 HOGG *Queen's Wake* II. Wks. (1876) 19 His cap the *moon~clouds silver gray.

1933 W. DE LA MARE *Fleeting* 119 The autumnal night Hung starry and radiant..O'er *moon-cold hills. **1944** E. SITWELL *Green Song* 1 Till the fire of that sun The heart and the moon-cold bone are one.

1922 W. DE LA MARE *Down-adown-Derry* 20 A beaming of *moon-coloured light. **1930** R. LEHMANN *Note in Music* 98 The grass..foamed with the moon-coloured profusion of the flower which she called milkwort or Star-of-Bethlehem.

1969 G. MACBETH *War Quartet* 29 Staled Of heat, now *moon-cool.

1921 W. B. YEATS *Four Plays for Dancers* 72 The *moon-crazed heron Would be but fishes' diet soon.

1776 MICKLE tr. *Camoens' Lusiad* iv. 168 And *moon-crown'd mosques lay smoaking in the dust.

1910 W. DE LA MARE *Three Mulla-Mulgars* xix. 252 The *moon-dappled forest through which they had so heavily ascended.

1895 F. M. CRAWFORD *Casa Braccio* xiii, The *moon-dawn sending up its soft radiance to the sky.

1940 C. DAY LEWIS *Poems in Wartime* 10 All over the countryside *Moon-dazzled men are peering out for invaders.

1927 JOYCE *Simples in Pomes Penyeach*, A *moondew stars her hanging hair.

1844 EMERSON *Essays* 2nd Ser. viii. 243 In countless upward-striving waves The *moon-drawn tide-wave strives. **1922** JOYCE *Ulysses* 48 A tide westering, moondrawn, in her wake.

1929 C. MACKENZIE *Gallipoli Memories* xi. 189 The grillos shrilling far and wide across that *moon-drenched island.

1959 *Britannica Bk. of Year* (U.S.) 753/1 *Moon dust, meteoric particles on the surface of the moon. **1969** GUARDIAN 30 July 1/7 The first experiments of exposing germ-free mice to moon dust.

1619 *Pasquil's Palm*. (1877) 131 To comfort *Moone-fac'd Cuckolds, that were sad. **1806-7** J. BERESFORD *Miseries Hum. Life* 304 The necessity of borrowing the spectacles of a moon-faced friend. **1855** TENNYSON *Maud* i. i. xviii, Maud the beloved of my mother, the moon-faced darling of all.

1913 W. DE LA MARE *Peacock Pie* 98 Those wallowing, *moon-flecked waves.

1945 C. MANN in Murdoch & Drake-Brockman *Austral. Short Stories* (1951) 262 Nights...*moon-flooded, starlit.

1901 H. G. WELLS *First Men in Moon* xviii. 218 We have shown these *moon folk violence.

1819 SHELLEY *Prometh. Unb.* i. 32 The spears Of their *moon-freezing crystals.

1834 LYTTON *Pompeii* iii. xi, These old hags, with..their *moon-gathered herbs.

1828 *Lights & Shades* II. 274 This ominous ramble of the *moon-gazing

'thrice illustrious'.

1870-4 J. THOMSON *City Dreadf. Nt.* xiv. i, With tinted *moongleams slanting here and there.

1821 SHELLEY *Hellas* 633 In the faint *moon-glimpse He saw..the Turkish admiral.

1794 COLERIDGE *Relig. Musings* 274 Where by night,..The lion couches..Or serpent plants his vast *moon~glittering bulk.

1927 J. JOYCE *She weeps over Rahoon* in *Pomes Penyeach*, His sad heart has lain Under the *moon~grey nettles. **1934** L. B. LYON *White Hare* 34 The moon~grey barn.

1930 BLUNDEN *Summer's Fancy* 42 Whispering their vows below *moon-haunted trees.

1891 KIPLING *Light that Failed* (1900) 103 A faint beating like that of a muffled drum came out of the *moon-haze.

1837 CARLYLE *Fr. Rev.* I. III. vi, The rubicund *moonhead goes wagging; darker beams the copper visage.

1894 O. WILDE *Sphinx*, And did you talk with Thoth, and did you hear the *moon-horned lo weep? **1960** T. HUGHES *Lupercal* 60 And has shorn Summarily the moon-horned river From my bed.

1922 J. A. DUNN *Man Trap* xv. 207 Death cold the nights in this dead land that looks like *moonland.

1970 *Sci. Jnl.* May 7/1 Neil Armstrong climbing down those few fragile steps of his *moonlander's ladder to the craggy lunar surface.

1962 *Daily Tel.* 5 July 26/6 A small *Moon-landing capsule. **1969** *Guardian* 16 July 17/4 An American moon landing does not constitute an unchallenged lead over Russia.

1954 KOESTLER *Invisible Writing* iii. 43 Certain scenes..have the rugged and hostile greatness of a *moon-landscape.

1832 TENNYSON *Pal. Art* 252 A still salt pool..that hears..The plunging seas draw backward from the land Their *moon-led waters white.

1943 C. DAY LEWIS *Word over All* 42 The earth is buoyed in *Moon-locked oblivion.

1629 MILTON *Hymn Nativ.* xxvi, The yellow-skirted Fayeres..leaving their *Moon-lov'd maze.

1869 W. BARNES *Early England & Saxon-English* 103/2 *Moon~mad. **1920** BLUNDEN *Waggoner* 31 To hear the moon~mad gypsy rave.

1880 W. WATSON *Prince's Quest Poems* (1905) II. 178 As steals The *moon-made shadow at some traveller's heels.

1928 BLUNDEN *Retreat* 14 Or mist-veil brushed thee, fine as yet was wove For *moonmaid's clothing.

? **1795** COLERIDGE *To Nightingale* 10 Within whose mild *moon-mellow'd foliage hid.

1910 W. DE LA MARE *Three Mulla-Mulgars* i. 4 Mutta-matutta's father died from sleeping in the *moon~mist. **1913** D. H. LAWRENCE *Love Poems* 13 The moon~mist is over the village.

1936 L. B. LYON *Bright Feather Fading* 17 Yet parishes *moon-misted, Yet Avon, Severn, Humber His name remember.

a 1821 KEATS *Sonnet: To Nile* in *Compl. Poetical Wks.* (1907) 305 Son of the old *moon-mountains African!

1927 F. B. YOUNG *Portrait of Clare* 129 An orchard..in which *moon-pale apples lay where they had fallen.

1914 C. MACKENZIE *Sinister Street* II. III. vii. 637 Most people..would obtain the finest thrill that Oxford could offer from the sudden sight of..the *moon-parched High Street in frost.

1897 KIPLING *Capt. Cour.* iv. 103 She sat down in the *moon~path on the water.

1922 D. H. LAWRENCE *Fantasia of Unconscious* xv. 279 Her [woman's] deep positivity is in the downward flow, the *moon-pull.

1818 SCOTT *Hrt. Midl.* xxix, Haud your tongue, ye *moon-raised b—!

1844 LD. HOUGHTON *Palm Leaves* 202 A picture by *moon-rays designed.

1925 C. DAY LEWIS *Beechen Vigil* 30 In a *moon-rich garden.

1927 *Observer* 11 Sept. 8 A..short interval between successive *moonrisings being favourable for late harvest work.

1969 *Guardian* 15 July 7/2 On July 24, if all goes well, 50 kilogrammes of *moonrock will arrive on earth. **1971** *New Scientist* 24 June 766/1 The exchange in Moscow recently of a minute quantity of Apollo moonrock for an even more minute quantity of Luna 16 moonrock.

1905 E. F. BENSON *Image in Sand* xviii. 290 The sublimities of the sun-rises

and *moon-settings were gone from her.

1925 E., O., & S. SITWELL *Poor Young People* 28 The *moon-shadows Palely pass and re-pass.

1958 J. BETJEMAN *Coll. Poems* 270 Near your curious mausoleum
*Moonshadowed on the grass.

1934 BLUNDEN *Choice or Chance* 55 To silence too that speaks angelic
tongues From *moon-skies and the sun's November gleam.

1892 LD. LYTON *King Poppy* Epil. 133 Herbs *moon-soak'd on Hecate's
altars.

1929 E. H. VISIAK *Medusa* (1963) xviii. 226 They are too apt already to be
taken with such *moonstuff. **1969** *New Scientist* 18 Dec. 607/1 We should
not go 'up there'..merely to bring back a few pounds of 'moonstuff'.

1648 HERRICK *Hesper., Oberon's Pal.,* And now he finds His *Moon-tann'd
Mab.

1850 MRS. BROWNING *Sea-side Walk* ii, The water grey Swang in its
*moon~taught way.

Early Rose xii, Singing gladly all the *moontide Never waiting for the
suntide.

1858 LYTON *What will he do with It?* (1859) III. vi. x. 196 They were to his
eyes the *moon track in the ocean of history. **1899** KIPLING *Five Nations*
(1903) 9 The moon-track a-quiver bewilders our eyes.

1865 SWINBURNE *Atalanta* 41 Making sweet..*moon-trodden ways And
breathless gates and extreme hills of heaven.

1876 MORRIS *Sigurd* II. 137 The *moonwake over the waters.

1959 R. GRAVES *Coll. Poems* 316 A *moon-warmed world of discontinuance.

1902 W. D. HOWELLS *Literature & Life* 62 A few *moon-washed stars pierce
the vast vault with their keen points. **1967** *Coast to Coast* 1965-66 131
Vicky sat staring into the mysterious moon-washed night.

1885 W. B. YEATS *Island of Statues* i. ii, in *Dublin Univ. Rev.* May 82/2 Some
say that all who touch the island lone Are changed for ever into
*moon~white stone. **1916** BLUNDEN *Harbingers* 5 Through the moonwhite
sea. **1957** C. DAY LEWIS *Pegasus* 12 O moon~white brow and milky way of
flesh! **a 1963** S. PLATH *Crossing Water* (1971) 38 The moth-face of her
husband, moonwhite and ill, Circles her like a prey.

1892 LD. LYTON *King Poppy* vii. 187 Their *moon-whiten'd wings.

1961 R. GRAVES *More Poems* 29 And in my dreams went chasing here and there A fugitive beacon—your *moon-yellow hair.

16. Special combinations: **moon-blink** (see quot.); **moon-blow**, injury to the body produced by the moon's rays; **moon-born** *ppl. a.*, (a) born under the moon's influence; (b) born in the moon; **moon-bounce**, the use of the moon as a reflector of radio waves (chiefly in the UHF band) aimed at it from one ground station and detected by another; **moonbound** *a.* (orig. *U.S.*), directed or moving towards the moon; **moon-bow**, a lunar rainbow; **moon-box**, a device for exhibiting the moon on the stage of a theatre (*Cent. Dict.*); **moonbug** *colloq.*, a lunar module; **moon buggy** = *moon-car*; †**moon-burnt** *ppl. a.*, moonstruck; **moon-cake**, a round Chinese cake eaten during mid-Autumn festivities; **moon-car**, a vehicle designed for use on the moon; **moon-clock**, a clock showing the changes and phases of the moon; †**moon-clover** = *moon-trefoil*; **mooncraft**, a spacecraft for travel to the moon; also = *moon-car*; **moon crawler** = *moon-car*; **moon-creeper** = [MOON-FLOWER 2](#) (*Cent. Dict.*); **moon-culminating** *ppl. a.*, applied to such stars (used in calculating longitude) as culminate with the moon and are near its parallel of declination; so **moon-culmination**, the culmination of certain stars with the moon (*Cent. Dict.*); **moon-culminator**, a moon-culminating star; **moon-cutter**, one who cuts gas globes (see sense 5); **moon-daisy**, the ox-eye daisy, *Chrysanthemum Leucanthemum*; **moon-dog**, a dog that bays the moon; †in early use = [MOONER 1](#); **moon-down** *N. Amer.*, the time when the moon goes down or sets; †**moon-drake** (fancifully modelled on [FIRE-DRAKE](#)), a fiery moon; **moon-face**, a moon-shaped face; *spec.* a rounded swollen face characteristic of individuals with excessive amounts of glucocorticoids in the body, e.g. in cases of Cushing's syndrome; †**moon-flaw**, a defect attributed to the moon's influence; **moon-flight**, a flight to the moon; **moon-glade** *U.S.*, the track made by moonlight on water; **moonglow**, glowing moonlight; **moon-god**, the god of the moon; a deity associated with the moon; so **moon-goddess**; **moon-knife**, a crescent-shaped knife used by leather-workers; **moon-lily** = [MOON-FLOWER 2](#); **moon-madness**, lunacy (cf. sense 1 c); **moonmark** (see quotes.); **moon milk** = *milk of the moon* (see [MILK n. 6](#)); **moon-month**, a lunar month (Ogilvie 1882); **moon-penny**, *Chrysanthemum Leucanthemum* (Treas. Bot. 1866); **moon-plant**, the plant [SOMA](#); **moonport** [after [AIRPORT](#)], (a) a place from which rockets are launched to the moon; (b) a landing-place for rockets on the moon; **moon probe** *Astronautics*, an exploratory space flight made towards the moon by an unmanned vehicle; also, the vehicle itself; **moon-proof** *a.*, proof against the moon's light or influence; **moon race**, competition between nations to be the first to effect a landing on the moon; **moon-rainbow**, a lunar rainbow; **moon-rocket**, (a) a ride at a fun-fair consisting of rocket-shaped cars travelling round an inclined circular track; (b) a rocket designed for flight to the moon; **moon-sail**, **-sheered** *ppl. a.* (see quotes.); **moon-shaft**, a ray of moonlight; **moon-ship**, a spaceship designed to travel to or towards the moon; **moon-shoot** = *moon-shot n.*; **moon-shooter** *slang*, one who makes a 'moonlight flit'; **moon-shot** (orig. *U.S.*), the launching of a spacecraft to or towards the moon; **moon-shot** *ppl. a.*, accompanied by fitful moonlight; **moon-slave** *poet.*, applied to the tide as dependent upon the moon; **moon-**

sted *ppl. a.*, ? occupied by the moon; **moon-suit**, a suit designed to be worn on the moon; **moon-trefoil**, *Medicago arborea*; **moon-walk**, the action of walking on the moon; so as *v. intr.*, to walk on the moon; **moonwalker**, one who walks on the moon (see also quot. 1950); so **moon-walking** *vbl. n.*; **moon-wise** *a.*, learned in the moon's movements, etc.; **†moon-wiser**, an instrument for finding the position of the moon; **†moon-work** (see quot.); **moon-year** [cf. G. *mondjahr*], a lunar year (Webster 1864).

1867 SMYTH *Sailor's Word-bk.*, **Moon-blink*, a temporary evening blindness occasioned by sleeping in the moonshine in tropical climates.

1851 R. F. BURTON *Scinde* I. ii. 12 It took his countenance a year or two to recover from the effects of the *moonblow.

1691 DRYDEN *K. Arthur* II. i, A *moon-born elf. **1857** W. SMITH *Thorndale* IV. ii, There would be no end to the astonishment of your moon-born traveller. **1892** LD. LYTON *King Poppy* vii. 69 The moon~born music of the nightingale.

1960 *Aeroplane* XCVIII. 320/1 The *Moon-bounce technique was a form of long-distance radio communication which could be carried out on wavelengths which were not susceptible to ionospheric or other terrestrial disturbances. **1968** *Radio Communication Handbk.* (ed. 4) xii. 20/2 Typical ground station equipment for moonbounce requires a transmitter output power exceeding 100 watts, net aerial gains of the order of 15–20 db, and receivers of 500 c/s bandwidth. **1975** *Nature* 4 Sept. 36/1 On July 7, 1974 while using a Moon Bounce technique on 1,296 MHz I observed the appearance of strange, delayed echoes.

1965 *NASA Facts* III. I. 4 The *moonbound Apollo's space navigation system includes two relatively conventional units. **1968** *Guardian* 23 Dec. 1 The world last night saw..life on board the moonbound capsule.

1871 G. MACDONALD *Ode to Light in Organ Songs*, All the colours..In rainbow, *moon~bow, or in opal gem.

1963 *Britannica Bk. of Year* (U.S.) 856/1 **Moon bug*, the LEM [*i.e.* lunar excursion module]. **1969** *Daily Tel.* (Colour Suppl.) 10 Jan. 21 (*caption*) Parent spacecraft (command and service modules) separates leaving lunar module ('moonbug') attached to rocket stage.

1971 *Guardian* 23 July 11 The astronauts will have a powered *moon buggy called Rover.

c 1560 A. SCOTT *Poems* (S.T.S.) iv. 65 Sum *monebrunt madynis myld, At nonetyd of the nicht, Ar chappit vp with chylde.

1938 CHIANG YEE *Silent Traveller in London* 38 At this time [*sc.* mid-September] all the sweet-shops produce a great variety of seasonable cakes, which we call '*Moon-Cake', and those especially which are made in Canton in South China are very famous. **1952** D. YEN HUNG FENG *Joy Chinese Cooking*

xii. 211 Moon cakes are seldom made at home, for the genuine type are difficult to make and require a long list of hard-to-prepare ingredients as well as special wooden forms and cooking implements. **1966** 'HAN SUYIN' *Mortal Flower* viii. 174 In all the markets, the mooncakes..parade their roundness in all the foodshops, light, feathery, moon-white. **1971** *Nat. Geographic* Oct. 556 (caption) Golden yolks,..salted and dried in the sun..are steamed with rice or cooked in Cantonese moon cakes, served at festival time.

1965 *Sci. World* 28 Oct. 8 Would a sticky coating of dust block the window of an astronaut's '*moon car'? **1973** *Daily Tel.* 13 Mar. 19/4 The Lunokhod 2 robot mooncar has..resumed studies of Moon soil and rock and taking photographs.

1800 *Gentl. Mag.* 1226/2 Under the West tower is a *moon-clock.

1713 J. PETIVER in *Phil. Trans.* XXVIII. 47 Camerarius his *Moon Claver.

1962 F. I. ORDWAY et al. *Basic Astronautics* v. 216 Evidence derived from stationary and mobile *mooncraft will doubtless support the belief that any manned bases or outposts on the Moon will have to be underground. **1963** *Times* 31 May 19/7 Two gigantic crawler transport vehicles for use in the Apollo mooncraft launching. **1971** *Daily Tel.* 3 Aug. 1/6 Falcon, the Apollo 15 mooncraft, blasted off yesterday from the lunar surface.

1970 *Guardian* 18 Nov. 1/2 Russia is likely to try to bring its *moon crawler Lunokod-I back to earth.

1827 *Philos. Mag.* I. 47 A List of *Moon-culminating Stars for 1827.

1867 SMYTH *Sailor's Word-bk.*, *Moon-culminators, certain stars near the same parallel of declination as the moon [etc.].

1883 *B'ham Daily Post* 11 Oct., Flint~glass Trade.—*Moon Cutter wanted.

1855 MISS PRATT *Flower. Pl.* (1861) III. 311 Ox-eye or *Moon Daisy. **a 1887** JEFFERIES *Toilers of Field* (1892) 310 The broad moon~daisies stand in the grass.

1668 EVELYN *Corr.* 24 June, Let the *Moon-dogs bark on, 'till their throats are drie. **1688** R. HOLME *Armoury* II. 184/1 The Mooner, or Moon-Dog which continually is Barking at the Moon. **1832** J. BREE *St. Herbert's Isle* 163 'Tween the screech of the owl and the moon dog's moan.

1797 B. HAWKINS *Let.* 23 Dec. in *Georgia Hist. Soc. Coll.* (1916) IX. 276 Last evening, just before *moon down, his camp had been fired on. **1863** W. B. CHEADLE *Jrnl. Trip across Canada* (1931) 125 Camp at moondown in wood close to our lake. **1938** C. H. MATSCHAT *Suwanee River* 68 Five hours till moondown.

a 1635 CORBET *A non sequitur Poems* (1807) 218 See where a *moon-drake

'gins to rise.

1855 THACKERAY *Newcomes* liii, He..surveyed the beauties of his time as the Caliph the *moonfaces of his harem. **1944** J. HOFFMAN *Female Endocrinology* xxxv. 574 The facial adiposity may materially alter the normal features and is responsible for the 'moon face' and 'pig-eyed' expression of the classical case. **1958** *Spectator* 11 July 60/3 Swelling of the face—'moon-face' after cortisone. **1959** J. FLEMING *Miss Bones* xii. 136 Her large moon-face remained quite expressionless.

a 1652 BROME *Queen & Conc.* iv. vii, I fear she has a *Moonflaw in her brains.

1963 *Daily Tel.* 28 Oct. 12 The Soviet Union, he says, is planning no manned *moon-flights. **1975** S. JOHNSON *Urbane Guerilla* v. 182 The famous moonflight of Apollo 11.

1866 LOWELL *Biglow P.* Ser. ii. Introd., *Moonglade: a beautiful word: for the track of moonlight on the water. **1893** *Westm. Gaz.* 8 Nov. 3/1 The gondolas and launches pass like dark shadows in a moon-glade.

1926 *Blackw. Mag.* Oct. 530/2 She could no longer see the moving shape presently lost among the vague masses of *moonglow and darkling shadow which veiled the moor. **1934** W. HUDSON et al. (*song-title*) Moonglow. **1965** M. WEST *Ambassador* viii. 181, I..woke..to a room full of moonglow.

1862 RAWLINSON *Anc. Mon., Chald.* viii. I. 200 The temple at Mugheir was built in honour of the *moon~god, Sin or Hurki.

1831 KEIGHTLEY *Myth. Gr. & It.* 194 From their confounding her with their own Artemis, it would seem that they regarded her as the *moon-goddess.

1882 J. PATON in *Encycl. Brit.* XIV. 389/2 The dyed leather is.. grounded with a curious *moon knife.

1888 CLARK RUSSELL *Death Ship* III. 129 The *moon-lily when it hangs down its white beauty and contracts its milky petals.

1817 SHELLEY *Rev. Islam* vi. xvii. 2 Want, and *Moon-madness, and the pest's swift Bane.

1879 G. M. HOPKINS *Poems* (1967) 80 Only I'll Have an eye to the sakes of him, quaint *moonmarks, to his pelted plumage under Wings. **1879** *Lett. to R. Bridges* (1955) 83 By *moonmarks* I mean crescent shaped markings on the quill-feathers, either in the colouring of the feather or made by the overlapping of one on another.

1885 *Encycl. Dict.*, *Moon-milk. **1965** *New Scientist* 3 June 666/2 These crystals form a colloid in water to give the substance that, in British caves, is called moonmilk. **1973** P. O'DONNELL *Silver Mistress* ix. 161 They reached a

huge stalactite chamber. Around the perimeter shimmered white patches of the calcite deposit called moonmilk.

1866 LINDLEY & MOORE *Treas. Bot.* II. 754/1 *Moon-penny. *Chrysanthemum leucanthemum*. **1940** F. KITCHEN *Brother to Ox* ix. 152 The grass-reaper..cuts through life, sweeping down the slender moon-pennies and toppling them over.

a 1843 SOUTHEY *Comm.-pl. Bk.* IV. 634 A seller of *moonplant. **1862** R. H. PATTERSON *Ess. Hist. & Art* 475 The soma or moon-plant is a round smooth twining plant, peculiar to the Aravalli Hills [etc.].

1963 *New Scientist* 18 Apr. 138/3 NASA has acquired 87,000 acres just north of Cape Canaveral, Florida, as the site for its '*Moonport'. **1965** *New Statesman* 16 July 74/1 To have two Moonports is extravagance enough. **1967** *Britannica Bk. of Year* (U.S.) 803/3 *Moonport*, a place on the surface of the earth equipped for sending spacecraft to the moon.

1958 *Oxford Mail* 16 Aug. 1/8 Engineers are making final checks on the multiple rocket which is expected to be launched tomorrow on America's first '*Moon probe'. **1972** *Guardian* 22 Feb. 2/4 The unmanned Soviet moon probe Luna 20 made a soft landing on the moon's surface last night.

1616 B. JONSON *Masque of Oberon* Wks. 979 Be your eyes, yet *Moone-proofe? **1817** SHELLEY *Rev. Islam* vi. xxvii. 9 A hanging dome of leaves, a canopy moon-proof. **1835** J. P. KENNEDY *Horse Shoe R.* vi, Your thick skull is moon-proof.

1963 *Guardian* 17 July 1/5 It is now intended to have the whole question of the '*moon race' brought up in the International Astronomical Union. **1971** S. CAVELL *World Viewed* 63 We lash ourselves to these ideas with burning coils of containment, massive retaliation, moon races, yellow perils.

1850 BROWNING *Christmas Eve* vi. 11 'Twas a *moon-rainbow, vast and perfect.

1946 G. TYRWHITT-DRAKE *English Circus & Fair Ground* xvii. 202 There were many..rides, such as Airways, Autodrome Aeroplanes, and *Moon Rocket. **1953** POHL & KORNBLUTH *Space Merchants* (1955) i. 5 The slim V-2s and stubby Moon rockets of the past. **1954** 'R. CROMPTON' *William & Moon Rocket* i. 20 A fair ain't a fair these days without a Moon Rocket.

1841 R. H. DANA *Seaman's Man.* 116 *Moon-sail, a small sail sometimes carried in light winds, above a skysail.

1896 E. PHILLPOTTS *Down Dartmoor Way* 201 They turned into the black wudes all laced wi' *mune-shafts. **1930** E. POUND *XXX Cantos* xxi. 98 Yellow wing, pale in the moon shaft.

1867 SMYTH *Sailor's Word-bk.*, *Moon~sheered, a ship the upper works of

which rise very high, fore and aft.

1949 *Moonship [see [GRAVITY 5](#)]. **1963** *Wall St. Jnl.* 19 Aug. 20 North American Aviation awarded \$934.4 million job... Order is for Apollo Moonship. **1970** *Universe* 30 Jan. 9/5 The horror of some future manned moonship being marooned in space is something we don't like to think about.

1958 *Oxford Mail* 14 Aug. 1/9 The United States first '*moon-shoot' has about a one-in-ten chance of success.

1892 *Globe* 2 Apr. 1/5 The *moon-shooters sometimes have lodgers in their abodes.

1958 *Washington Post* 18 Aug. A. 8/4 Yesterday's *moon shot blew up 50,000 feet and 77 seconds after the launching at Cape Canaveral. **1969** *New Scientist* 9 Jan. 56/3 Much heartened by the success of the three-man Moon shot, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration is unveiling ambitious plans for the mid-1970s. **1971** R. NESBITT *Evolution & Existence of God* 10 If the Universe were in fact a chaos, Apollo moonshots would be inconceivable.

1902 *Contemp. Rev.* Dec. 842 The gusty *moon-shot night.

1839 BAILEY *Festus* viii. (1852) 93 Where tide, the *moonslave, sleeps.

1591 *Troub. Raigne K. John* II. (1611) 75 Could I..Remoue the Sunne from our Meridian, Vnto the *moonested circle of th' antipodes.

1953 POHL & KORNBLUTH *Space Merchants* (1955) xii. 131 *Moon suits rented '50 Years Without a Blowout'.

1731 MILLER *Gard. Dict., Medicago*; *Moon-Trefoil... It hath..a..Fruit, shap'd somewhat like a Half-Moon.

1966 WEBSTER Add., *Moonwalk, Moonwalker. **1969** *Daily Tel.* 16 July 22/2 While on the moon, the astronauts will..only moon-walk for about 3½ to four hours. **1969** *Observer* 20 July 1/2 Hints that the 'moonwalk' will also be brought forward were strengthened when the astronauts' physician, Dr Charles Berry, said that he did not now expect the two men to go to sleep on the moon. **1971** *New Scientist* 11 Feb. 286/2 Physical activity exacerbated this condition and contributed to the unusually high heart-rates seen on the moonwalk. **1973** J. WAINWRIGHT *Touch of Malice* 31 It was a little like a moon-walk. A slow deliberate progression from point 'A' to point 'B'.

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1582 STANYHURST *Æneis* III. (Arb.) 74 And *moonewise Coribants on brasse their od harmonie tinckling.

1674 FLAMSTEED in *Phil. Trans.* IX. 219, I fell to peruse Mr. Street's Discourse, and to consider the Contrivance of his *Moon-wiser.

1679 C. NESSE *Antichrist* 201 His work is Idolatry, a work of darkness, *moon or night-work.

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Add: **[16.] Moon Festival**, in China and Hong Kong and in Chinese communities elsewhere, a festival celebrated in mid-Autumn, on the fifteenth night of the eighth moon of the Chinese year (cf. *moon-cake* above), orig. a family gathering after completion of the harvest.

[**1892** J. D. BALL *Things Chinese* 13 The Full Moon Festival, when..moon cakes are seen at every confectioner's stall and shop, is kept gaily.] *Ibid.* 114 The *Moon Festival on the 15th day of the 8th moon, in September or October. **1962** F. D. OMMANNEY *Fragrant Harbour* iv. 83 Chinese shops become illuminated caves of colour on the Moon Festival. **1987** *Atlantic* Apr. 132/1 When candles are placed inside three pagodas on the main lake, as they are for the Moon Festival, the light shining from the small round windows gives an effect as if there were 15 reflections of the moon on the water.

moon flask, a type of Chinese ceramic bottle with a flattened circular body and a rounded handle on either side of the neck, first made in the 15th century.

1974 *Times* 26 Oct. 16/4 A fifteenth-century Chinese blue and white *moon flask, just under 10 in high, was sold for £165,757..yesterday. **1989** *Independent* 18 Jan. 3/4 Top price was £294,607..for a 10 in early Ming dynasty..double-gourd moon flask.