

Ripley's Believe It or Not!



< TASK 1 > Read the articles (1) to (3).
And figure out which article they come from.
Write A, B, or C.

- (1) _____ "Cemetery is full! Dying is prohibited! Until further notice." To protest a new law against building new cemeteries in their city of Biritiba Mirim, Brazil, local officials created a ban against dying!
- (2) _____ It's now or never! When forced to choose between a 30-year accumulation of Elvis Presley memorabilia and his girlfriend, Jim Curtin held an auction and sold his collection for over a million dollars!
- (3) _____ President Evo Morales is the first native American leader in Bolivia's 180-year history as an independent country!

<TASK 2> Answer the questions.

- (4) What kind of ban was created in the city of Biritiba Mirim?
- (5) For Jim, which is more important, his collection or his girlfriend?
- (6) Who is the first native American leader in Bolivia?



< ANSWERS >

- (1) C (2) A (3) B
- (4) A ban against dying was.
- (5) His girlfriend is.
- (6) Evo Morales is.

< WORDS & PHRASES >

It's now or never! 「今を逃したらもう後がない」
 When forced to ~ 「~するように強要された時」
 choose between A and B 「AかBかどちらかを選ぶ」
 a 30-year accumulation of Elvis Presley memorabilia
 「30年間集められたエルビス・プレスリーの記念品」

Jim Curtin (人名)
 held an auction 「オークションを開催した」
 sold his collection 「彼のコレクションを売った」
 for over a million dollars 「100万ドル以上で」

President 「大統領」
 Evo Morales (人名)
 is the first native American leader
 「アメリカ先住民の最初のリーダー」

Bolivia (国名)
 180-year history as an independent country
 「独立国としての180年の歴史」

Cemetery 「共同墓地」
 is full 「いっぱいである」
 Dying 「死ぬこと」
 is prohibited 「禁止されている」
 Until further notice 「追加の連絡があるまで」
 To protest ~ 「~に反対するために」
 a new law against ~ 「~を禁止する新法」
 building new cemeteries 「新しい共同墓地の建設」
 Biritiba Mirim, Brazil (地名)
 local officials 「地方の役人」
 created a ban against dying 「死の禁止令を発した」