

#113-a (7/18/2006)

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) _____ A dead dog, dropped by a high-flying vulture, fell from the sky onto the streets of Land O Lakes, Fla., startling motorists who did not see the bird of prey!
- (2) _____ It is illegal to catch grey squirrels in Norwich, England --- unless you immediately kill them!
- (3) _____ Vivian Barr of Vancouver, Canada, hit her first hole-in-one on April 25, 2006, after 77 years of playing golf!

<TASK 2> Answer the questions.

- (4) Why did the dead dog fall from the sky onto the streets?
- (5) In Norwich, England, is it illegal to kill grey squirrels immediately after catching them?
- (6) How long did it take Vivian to hit her first hole-in-one?



< ANSWERS >

- (1) A (2) C (3) B
- (4) Because a high-flying vulture dropped it.
- (5) No, it isn't.
- (6) It took her 77 years.

< WORDS & PHRASES >

A dead dog 「死んだ犬」
..., dropped by a high-flying vulture,
「...が上空高く飛んでいる猛禽類に落とされ」
fell from the sky 「空から落ちてきた」
onto the streets of ~ 「~の通りに」
Land O Lakes, Fla. (地名)
startling motorists 「車の運転手を驚かせた」
... who did not see the bird of prey
「猛禽類に気づかなかった...」

Vivian Barr (人名)
Vancouver, Canada 「カナダのバンクーバー」(地名)
hit her first hole-in-one 「初めてホールインワンになった」
on April 25, 2006 「2006年4月25日に」
after 77 years of playing golf 「ゴルフを始めて77年して」

It is illegal to catch ~ 「~を捕まえるのは法律違反である」
grey squirrels 「ハイイロリス」(動物名)
Norwich, England (地名)
unless ... 「...でないかぎり」
immediately kill them
「それら(ハイイロリス)をその場で殺す」