

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) _____ David Brown of London sent a text message to a phone number that came to him in a dream --- that woman on the other end responded and believe it or not! --- they married 5 years later!
- (2) _____ In a hospital waiting room, 70% of people have broken bones --- 75% are fatigued --- 80% have stomachaches --- and 85% have fevers. What percentage would have all 4 ailments? At least 10%!
- (3) _____ Wang Zhendong of Liaoning, China, was arrested for scamming investors out of 3 billion Yuan (\$390 million) in a fraudulent ant-breeding business!

<TASK 2> Answer the questions.

- (4) How did David get to know his wife?
- (5) In a hospital waiting room, 70% of people have broken bones, 75% are fatigued, 80% have stomachaches, and 85% have fevers. Are there any people who have all of the four ailments?
- (6) In what kind of business were the investors scammed?

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<ANSWERS>

- (1) B (2) A (3) C
- (4) He got her phone number in a dream and sent a text message to her.
- (5) Yes, there are.
- (6) They were scammed in a fraudulent ant-breeding business.

<WORDS & PHRASES>

In a hospital waiting room 「ある病院の待合室で」
 70% of people 「7割の人」
 have broken bones 「骨折している」
 75% 「7割5分(の人)」
 are fatigued 「疲れている」
 80% 「8割(の人)」
 have stomachaches 「腹痛である」
 85% 「8割5分(の人)」
 have fevers 「熱がある」
 What percentage would have all 4 ailments?
 「4種類の病気全てに当てはまるのは何%か」
 At least 10% 「少なくとも10%」

David Brown (人名)
 London 「ロンドン」(地名)
 sent a text message to a phone number
 「電話番号に携帯電話メールを送信した」
 ... that came to him in a dream 「夢の中に現れた...」
 that woman on the other end responded
 「相手のその女性が返信をした」
 believe it or not! 「信じられないかもしれませんが」
 they 「彼ら(Davidとその女性)は」
 married 5 years later 5年後に結婚した」

Wang Zhendong (人名)
 Liaoning, China (地名)
 was arrested for ~ing 「~して逮捕された」
 scamming investors out of ~ 「投資家から~をだまし取った」
 3 billion Yuan (\$390 million) 「30億元(3億9千万ドル)」
 in a fraudulent ant-breeding business
 「でっちあげたアリ繁殖ビジネスで」