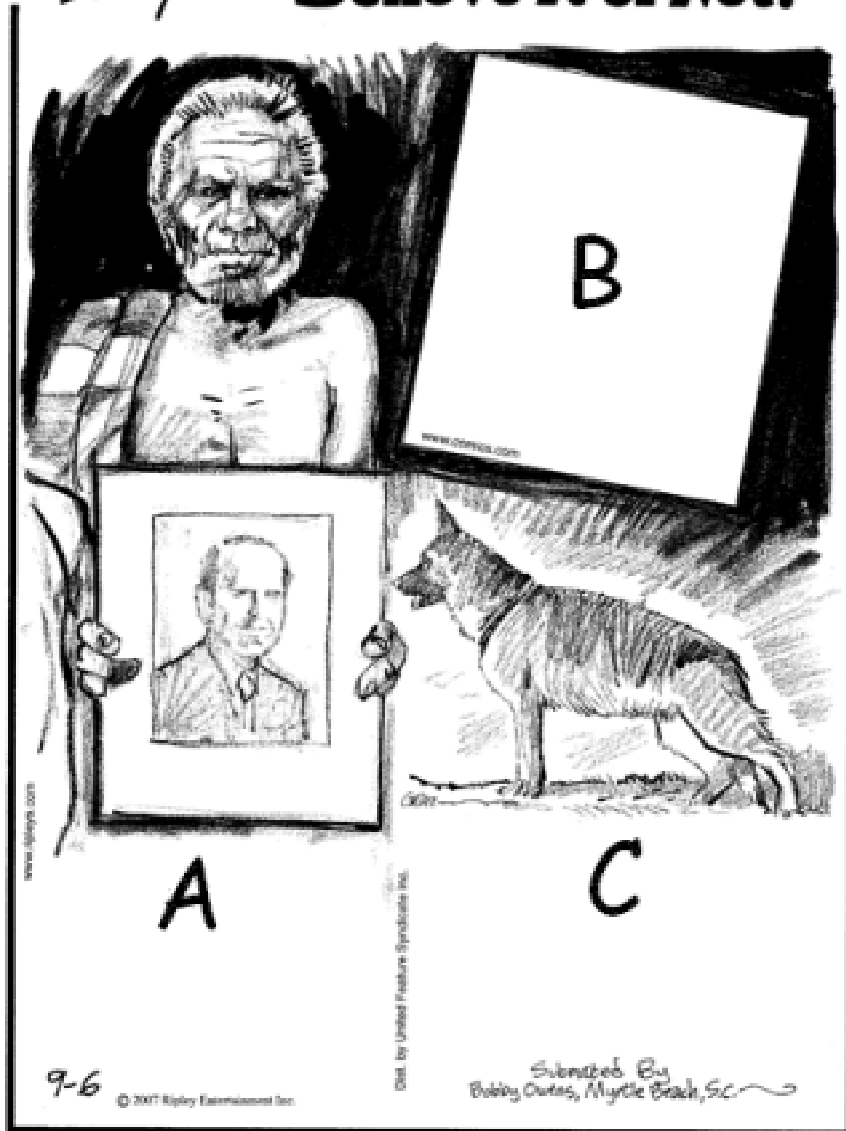


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< TASK 1 > Read the articles (1) to (3).
And figure out which article they come from.
Write A, B, or C.

- (1) _____ China's most common surnames and the number of people with each! Wang: 93 million! Li: 92 million! Zhang: 88 million!
- (2) _____ Ordered to be put down for biting a child, Ozzy, a German shepherd from Somerdale, N.J., was given a reprieve and sentenced to serve out his life as a guard dog for a local prison!
- (3) _____ The people of Yaohnanen Village, Vanuatu worship Prince Philip of the United Kingdom as an incarnation of a god!

<TASK 2> Answer the questions.

- (4) What is the most common surname in China?
- (5) What is the dog doing after being given a reprieve?
- (6) Whom do the people of Yaohnanen Village worship as an incarnation of a god?

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<ANSWERS>

- (1) B (2) C (3) A
- (4) It is Wang.
- (5) It's serving out its life as a guard dog.
- (6) They worship Prince Philip.

<WORDS & PHRASES>

The people of ~ 「～に住む人々」
 Yaohnanen Village, Vanuatu (地名)
 worship ~ as ... 「～を...として崇拝している」
 Prince Philip of the United Kingdom
 「英国(国名)のフィリップ王子」
 an incarnation of a god 「神の生まれ変わり」

China's most common surnames
 「中国(国名)における最も多い姓」
 and the number of people with each
 「そして、それぞれ(の姓)の人の数」

Wang 「王」(人名)
 93 million 「9千3百万人」
 Li 「李」(人名)
 92 million 「9千2百万人」
 Zhang 「張」(人名)
 88 million 「8千8百万人」

Ordered to be put down
 「安楽死させられることを命じられたけれども」
 for ~ing 「～したことで」
 biting a child 「子どもに噛みついた」
 Ozzy (犬の名)
 a German shepherd 「ジャーマン・シェパード」(犬種名)
 Somerdale, N.J. (地名)
 was given a reprieve and sentenced to ~
 「刑の執行を猶予され、～するように判決を受けた」
 serve out his life as ~ 「～として人生を全うする」
 a guard dog for a local prison 「その地方の刑務所の番犬」