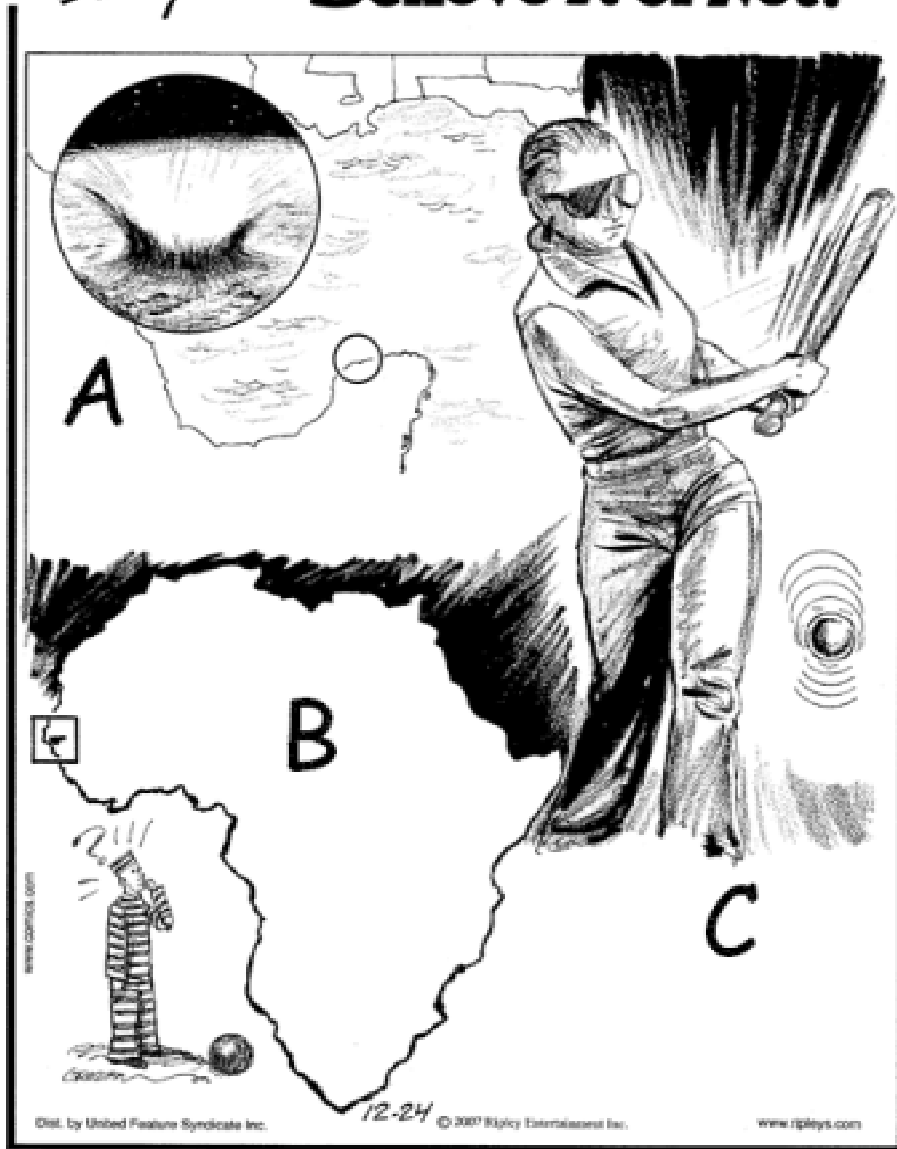


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Ripley's Believe It or Not!



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

- (1) _____ 65 million years ago --- a meteor or comet the size of a city crashed into Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula!
"Gulf of Mexico"
- (2) _____ "Beep! Beep!" Beeper ball --- a modified version of baseball played by the blind in North America, is played in front of a crowd that remains silent so the players can hear the sound-generating balls and bases!
- (3) _____ Guinea-Bissau, a West African country of 1.5 million people, has no civilian prisons!

<TASK 2> Answer the questions.

- (4) What crashed into Yucatan Peninsula 65 million years ago?
- (5) What do the spectators have to do while beeper ball is being played?
- (6) How many civilian prisons are there in Guinea-Bissau?

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<ANSWERS>

- (1) A (2) C (3) B
- (4) A meteor or comet the size of a city did.
- (5) They have to remain silent so the players hear the balls and bases.
- (6) There are no civilian prisons there.

<WORDS & PHRASES>

65 million years ago 「6千5百万年前に」
 a meteor or comet the size of a city 「一都市と同じ大きさの隕石か彗星」

crashed into ~ 「~に衝突した」
 Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula 「メキシコ(国名)のユカタン半島(半島名)」
 "Gulf of Mexico" 「メキシコ湾」

Guinea-Bissau 「ギニアビサウ」(国名)
 a West African country of 1.5 million people 「人口1千5百万人の西アフリカの国」
 has no civilian prisons 「一般市民の囚人はいない」

"Beep! Beep!" 「ビーツ、ビーツ」
 Beeper ball 「ビーパーボール」(球技名)
 a modified version of baseball played by ~ 「~がプレイするように改良された野球」

the blind 「目の不自由な人々」
 ... in North America 「北アメリカの...」
 is played in front of a crowd that remains silent 「静かにしている群衆の前で行われる」

so A can hear ~ 「Aが~を聞けるように」
 the players 「選手たち」
 the sound-generating balls and bases 「音の出るボールやベース」