

高校生英語 休講期間中の課題⑧～4月22日～

●次の英文を読んで、あとの問いに答えなさい。

*Shoppers filled a big London department store one day in 1969. John and *Ace shared a house in London. They were shopping then for *Christmas presents to send to their families in Australia.

While they were shopping, they found a small *cage with a baby lion in it *for *sale! “I’ve never seen a lion at a department store!” Ace *cried out *in surprise.

The baby lion was cute but looked really sad. They *felt sorry for the lion in such a small cage. Finally John said, “Let’s buy him.”

The *male lion was named *Christian. In just a few days, Christian *came to like his new life with John and Ace. The two men and Christian *got along really well. If one of the men was talking to the other, Christian would touch him *gently to show that he wanted to play with them.

Christian also loved to go out. John and Ace bought a special *collar for him. When they walked with him, he *pulled on his lead like an excited little dog. They also ran and played with a ball together in a field for hours. “I can’t imagine life without him,” John said *with a smile.

At first, people were surprised to see a lion in the city of London. However, they soon found that Christian was a *lovely little friend. Lots of people, *including newspaper photographers and television reporters, came to see him.

However, Christian was *growing up very fast. John and Ace felt that their happy life wouldn’t *last long.

One day, Christian found a *belt in the house and *picked it up in his *teeth. Ace tried to *take the belt away from him, but for the first time he *angrily showed his *sharp teeth. Ace was *shocked, and that *reminded him that Christian was a wild animal.

A few days later, the two men met George, an *expert on lions from Africa. George said that Christian should join other lions in the wild. John and Ace knew that a life in the wild was best for Christian, so they finally agreed with George’s idea.

In 1970, the three men went to *Kenya to *set Christian free. They also needed to *train Christian to live in the wild. Christian, then, met his new lion friends and learned their ways of living.

Their last day arrived quickly. John and Ace spent one last fun day with Christian. The next morning they left early without saying goodbye.

One year later John and Ace came back to Africa. George said to them, “He’s been fine with the other lions. He loves his new life and behaves like a wild animal.” The two men were also told that it would be too dangerous to *get near Christian now.

When they came to a field, a lion appeared. It was Christian! Suddenly he started to run toward them. In such a *situation, anyone would shout *in *fright, “*Watch out!” However, Christian placed his big *paws on Ace’s *chest and started *licking his face! He did the same to John.

“I can’t believe it. He remembers us!” said Ace.

“I knew he wouldn’t forget us. I just knew it,” said John.

Later, Christian even took his old friends to see his new family. The men realized that true *friendship and love have no *limits.

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shopper 買い物客 Ace エース(人物の名前) Christmas クリスマス cage カゴ for sale 売り物の
sale 販売 cry out 大声で叫ぶ in surprise びっくりして feel sorry for A Aが気の毒だ male 男性、雄
Christian クリスマス come to do ~するようになる get along (well) 仲良くやっていく gently 優しく
collar 首輪 pull on A Aをひっぱる with a smile 笑顔で lovely かわいらしい
including ~を含めて grow up 成長する last 続く belt ベルト pick up A / pick A up Aを拾う
teeth 歯 take away A / take A away (from B) BからAを取り除く angrily 怒って sharp 鋭い
shocked ショックを受けて remind 思い出す expert 専門家 Kenya ケニア set A free Aを逃がす(放つ)
set 置く train A to do Aを~するために訓練する(教え込む) get near A Aに近づく(接近する)
situation 状況、状態 in fright 肝をつぶして fright 恐怖 watch out 危ない、気を付けろ
paw (犬・猫などのつめのある動物の)足 chest 胸 lick なめる friendship 友情 limit 限界、範囲

Q1 Choose the best answer.

① Why did John and Ace set Christian free in Kenya?

- a Because Christian wanted to see his family.
- b Because it was against the law to have a lion as a pet.
- c Because they thought that Christian should live in the wild with other lions.

② What happened when John and Ace went to Kenya again?

- a They couldn't find Christian.
- b Christian remembered them.
- c Christian was in a cage.

Q2 Fill in the blanks with the words in the box below, and then choose the correct title for each part.

Part 1 (I)

It was around (1) time. John and Ace found a baby lion in a small (2) while they were shopping. They felt (3) for him and decided to buy him.

Part 2 (II)

John and Ace (4.) the lion Christian. The two men and Christian got along well and spent a (5.) time together. However, Christian was (6.) up very fast.

Part 3 (III)

Ace was shocked when Christian behaved like a (7.) animal. Finally, John and Ace took Christian to (8.). John and Ace left (9.) saying goodbye.

Part 4 (IV)

A year later, John and Ace came back to (10.) Christian. Surprisingly, Christian (11.) them. They had true (12.) and love.

Titles a Last Days with Christian

b A Baby Lion for Sale

c Meeting Again

d Exciting Lie in the City/

Words

[cage / Christmas / growing / friendship / named / see / sorry / happy / Africa / wild / without / remembered]