



Good Intentions, Bad Results for Birds

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One pleasant way for people to **interact with** wildlife such as birds is to **feed** them by setting up a bird feeder in a **yard** or outside a window. Filled with seeds, nuts, or fruit, a bird feeder can attract a **wide** variety of feathered friends. The birds **get** a free meal, and the people **get** to enjoy the **lovely** color and songs of the birds outside their windows.

Unfortunately, bird feeders in San Francisco, California have actually caused the accidental deaths of large numbers of birds. It happened because one kind of bird, the pine siskin, **got** sick with an illness called salmonellosis. Because the bird feeders attract many birds to feed together in one place, the disease was easily **spread to** other species, causing many birds to die. Experts have asked people to stop feeding the birds until the pine siskin population flies **north** in the late **spring**.

對鳥類的好用意與壞結局

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對人類來說，一個與鳥類等野生動物愉快的互動方式，是在院子裡或窗外蓋餵鳥器來餵他們。一個裝滿種子、堅果或水果的餵鳥器可以吸引為數眾多的羽毛朋友們。鳥兒得到一頓免費大餐，而人們得以享受窗外鳥類的迷人色彩和歌聲。

不幸的是，在加州舊金山的餵鳥器實際上卻導致大量鳥類的意外死亡。事件是一種名為松金翅雀的鳥兒感染了沙門氏桿菌引起的。因為餵鳥器吸引了許多鳥類聚集覓食，因此疾病很容易擴散，導致許多鳥類的死亡。專家們呼籲民眾在松金翅雀族群於晚春飛往北方之前，暫時停止餵食鳥類。

一、實用文法

「get」有三種用法：

1. 表示「收到」東西
2. 表示「得以做；有機會做」一個動作
3. 後接形容詞可以表示「變得……(狀態)」

二、小試身手

使用「get」和單字庫中的字詞，完成下列句子。

單字庫Wordbox		
warm	cake	build
dangerous	break	milk

1. Francine was really thirsty so she _____ with her cookies when she had a snack.
2. During last week's class about robots, Helen _____ her own "mini-robot" with help from the teacher.
3. Next month, the weather _____ and hundreds of butterflies will begin to arrive in the park.

閱讀能力測驗

1. What is the main idea of the article?
 - A. Bird feeders are causing an unexpected problem in San Francisco.
 - B. One species of bird got sick because of eating at a bird feeder.
 - C. Seeds, fruits, and nuts are dangerous to pine siskins.
2. According to the article, what is probably the main reason people set up bird feeders?
 - A. It's a good way to use up extra fruit.
 - B. They get pleasure from having the birds around.
 - C. Bird feeders can stop birds from getting salmonellosis.
3. According to the article, how are birds getting sick?
 - A. The food in bird feeders is unhealthy.
 - B. Pine siskins are eating all of the food, so other birds have nothing to eat.
 - C. Birds interact with sick birds while eating at bird feeders.

國中2000字

feed 餵食
yard 庭院
wide 廣泛的
lovely 迷人的
north 北方
spring 春天

補充單字

interact with
 和...互動
spread to
 擴散、傳給

Mind Maps 文章心智圖



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