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Goat and tiger become friends



This news is from a Russian zoo. It is about a Siberian tiger and a goat. People give the tiger the goat. The goat is for the tiger's food.

However, the tiger does not eat the goat. The goat becomes the tiger's friend. It follows the tiger everywhere. It even sleeps in the tiger's house!

The goat is brave. People name it Timur. Timur means "iron".

Why didn't the tiger eat the goat? It is too lazy to hunt it!

Vocabulary

1) About - on the subject of, or connected with:

-What's that book about?

-a film about the Spanish Civil War

-We were talking / laughing about Sophie.

2) however - despite this:

-This is one possible solution to the problem. However, there are others.

-There may, however, be other reasons that we don't know about.

3) become - to start to be:

-I was becoming increasingly suspicious of his motives.

-It was becoming cold, so we lit the fire.

-After giving up smoking, he became fat and irritable.

-Margaret Thatcher became the UK's first woman prime minister in 1979.

-He has just become a father.

4) follow - to move behind someone or something and go where he, she, or it goes:

-A dog followed us home.

-She followed me into the kitchen.

-He had the feeling he was being followed (= someone was going after him to catch him or see where he was going).

-I could feel them following me with their eyes (= watching my movements closely).

-Do your own thing, don't just follow the crowd (= do what everyone else does).

5) even - used to show that something is surprising, unusual, unexpected, or extreme:

-I don't even know where it is.

-Everyone I know likes the smell of bacon - even Mike does and he's -a vegetarian.

-We were all on time - even Chris and he's usually late for everything.

-It's a very difficult job - it might even take a year to finish it.

-"I never cry." "Not even when you hurt yourself really badly?"

-Even with a load of electronic gadgetry, you still need some musical ability to write a successful song.

6) brave - showing no fear of dangerous or difficult things:

-a brave soldier

-It was a brave decision to quit her job and start her own business.

-She was very brave to learn to ski at 50.

-Of the three organizations criticized, only one was brave enough to face the press.

-Richards has made a brave attempt to answer his critics.

-This action will cause problems, despite the bank's brave talk/words about carrying on as if nothing had happened.

7) iron - a chemical element that is a common greyish-coloured metal. It is strong, used in making steel, and exists in very small amounts in blood:

-Iron rusts easily.

-Liver is a particularly rich source of dietary iron.

-iron ore

-an iron deficiency

8) lazy - not willing to work or use any effort:

-Managers had complained that the workers were lazy and unreliable.

-Get out of bed, you lazy thing!

-He's too lazy to walk to work.

9) hunt -

to chase and try to catch and kill an animal or bird for food, sport, or profit:

-Some animals hunt at night.

-When lion cubs are young, the mother stays with them while the father hunts for food.

-Jack and Charlie like to hunt/go hunting (= chase and kill animals for sport) at weekends.

-Cats like to hunt mice and birds.

-Elephants used to be hunted for the ivory from their tusks.

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Strange Village in Argentina



This news is about a village. This village is in Argentina. It is by a saltwater lake. One day, something bad happens. The water rises.

People must leave the village. The water covers the village. It is under water for 30 years.

Now, the water evaporates. You can visit the village again. It looks very strange.

Vocabulary

1) Strange - unusual and unexpected, or difficult to understand:

-He has some very strange ideas about women!

-You say the strangest things sometimes.

-I had a strange feeling that we'd met before.

-It's strange that tourists almost never visit this village.

-That's strange - I'm sure I put my glasses in my bag, but they're not there.

2) rise - to move upwards:

-The balloon rose gently (up) into the air.

-At 6 a.m. we watched the sun rise (= appear and move upwards in the sky).

-New buildings are rising (= being built) throughout the city.

-figurative Murmurs of disapproval rose from (= came from) the crowd.

3) leave - to go away from someone or something, for a short time or permanently:

-I'll be leaving at five o'clock tomorrow.

-He left the house by the back door.

-She left the group of people she was with and came over to speak to us.

-The bus leaves in five minutes.

4) cover - to put or spread something over something, or to lie on the surface of something:

-The light was so bright that I had to cover my eyes.

-Snow covered the hillsides.

-She covered him (up) with a blanket.

-Cover the meat with a layer of cheese.

-The bandages were covered with/in blood.

-How much of the earth's surface is covered by/with water?

5) evaporate - to cause a liquid to change to a gas, especially by heating:

-The high concentration of sugars forms a syrup when the sap evaporates.

-Plants keep cool during the summer by evaporating water from their leaves.

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South Koreans Start to Like Cheese



This news is about cheese. In Asia, Japan is the biggest consumer of cheese. South Koreans are starting to like cheese, too. They buy more and more of it.

They are starting to like Western dishes. They like pizza, for example. They also put cheese into traditional Korean dishes.

Every South Korean eats around 2.4 kilograms of cheese. A Frenchman eats 10 times more.

Vocabulary

1) cheese - a food made from milk, that can be either firm or soft and is usually yellow or white in colour:

-Would you like a slice / piece of cheese with your bread?

goat's cheese

-You need 250 grams of grated cheese for this recipe.

-I like soft French cheeses such as Brie and Camembert.

-I prefer hard cheeses, like cheddar.

cheese and biscuits

2) consumer - a person who buys goods or services for their own use:

-The new rates will affect all consumers, including businesses.

-consumer rights/advice

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Rapper Wants to Be President



Kanye West is an American singer. He also writes songs. He is a fashion designer, too. He is 43 years old. He is very successful.

West says that he wants to become a US president. The election is this year. However, it takes a long time to get ready for the election.

West must prepare many papers. He needs a team of people. Nobody knows if West is ready.

Some people say that West is a clever businessman. West has a new single. West will have a new album out soon. Some people think that West does not really want to be a president. However, West wants to make more people more interested in his music.

Vocabulary

1) Election - a time when people vote in order to choose someone for a political or official job:

-The government is expected to call an election (= allow the country to vote) very soon.

-Local government elections will take place in May.

-The first election results have started to come in.

2) Rprepare - to make or get something or someone ready for something that will happen in the future:

-Have you prepared for your interview?

-She'll prepare the food ahead of time and freeze it.

-This course prepares students for middle and senior managerial positions.

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the players mentally and physically prepared to play a tough game?

-The meal took two hours to prepare.

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Man is Friends with a Kodiak bear



This news is from the USA. A man works at a centre. It is a centre for orphaned animals. The man is friends with a Kodiak bear. The bear is 20 years old. His name is Jimmy. He weighs 635 kilograms.

The man and the bear hug and play. The bear even licks the man's face.

Vocabulary

1) orphaned - having no parents because they have died:

The family took in three orphaned siblings.

The goal of international adoption is to find a home for each orphaned child.

2) hug - to hold someone close to your body with your arms, usually to show that you like, love, or value them:

-Have you hugged your child today?

-They hugged each other when they met at the station.

-Emily hugged her teddy bear tightly to her chest.

3) lick - to move the tongue across the surface of something:

-He licked the chocolate off his fingers.

-She licked the stamps and stuck them on the parcel.

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Man Rides a Bike on a Rope



This happens in the French Alps. A rope is between two mountains. It is 112 metres in the air. A man is on one of the mountains. He has a bike. He wants to bike to the other mountain.

He rides slowly on the rope, but he falls. He is OK. He wears a harness. He gets back up, and he tries again. This time, he is successful.

Vocabulary

Harness - a piece of equipment with straps and belts, used to control or hold in place a person, animal, or object:

- a safety harness
- a baby harness
- a parachute harness

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Marine Life in Danger



There is a study. It is about marine animals. In the world, there are fewer and fewer marine animals. There are 50% less marine animals in the world than in 1970.

This is not good news. The situation is getting worse fast. This is a problem for animals. This is a problem for people, too. Many people need the ocean. They need it to make money.

Why is this happening? The water is getting warmer. The climate is changing. Also, people fish too much.

Vocabulary

1) few - some, or a small number of something:

-I need to get a few things in town.

-There are a few slices of cake left over from the party.

-We've been having a few problems with the new computer.

-If you can't fit all the bags in your car, I can take a few in mine.

-"How many potatoes do you want?" "Oh, just a few, please."

2) worse- comparative of bad : more unpleasant, difficult, or severe than before or than something else that is also bad:

-The conditions they're living in are worse than we thout.

-If the rain gets any worse we'll have to go back.

-His manners are even worse than his sister's.

-The heat is much worse in the daytime.

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Pyramid in Garden



A Russian couple builds a pyramid. The pyramid is a copy of the biggest pyramid in the world. The biggest pyramid is in Giza, Egypt.

The couple builds their pyramid in the garden. They study the pyramid in Egypt for two years. They want to know every detail. The copy must be correct and true.

Their pyramid is 19 times smaller than the original pyramid. However, it is still very big. Its size is more than 42 feet long. Its tower is almost 30 feet high.

Many people come to see the pyramid. They want to see how it looks. Some people like to do spiritual activities in the pyramid.

Vocabulary

1) couple - two or a few things that are similar or the same, or two or a few people who are in some way connected:

- The doctor said my leg should be better in a couple of days.
- A couple of people objected to the proposal, but the vast majority approved of it.
- We'll have to wait another couple of hours for the paint to dry.
- She'll be retiring in a couple more years.
- The weather's been terrible for the last couple of days.
- Many economists expect unemployment to fall over the next couple of months.
- I'm sorry I didn't call you, but I've been very busy over the past couple of weeks.

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