

The squirrel, stuck cow, peanut butter and monkey miss

Vocabulary Match

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| to wander • | utterly • | to spot • | to pluck • | consciousness • |
| • to catch sight of | • to walk around | • awareness | • extremely | • to pull at |

Article

A bakery in Scotland has been closed for two days after a protected red squirrel was found living in the roof. It was photographed through a window wandering around the closed business. The Greggs bakery in Pitlochry remained closed Monday after initial attempts to safely extract the squirrel were unsuccessful.

A cow got its head stuck in a tree on Chilbolton Common in Hampshire on Wednesday evening. The fire service was called at about 7.40pm and worked with an animal rescue adviser to cut the tree and free the cow - but it took three hours. Firefighters joked that the incident was "udderly ridiculous."

Animal rescuers in Massachusetts assisted a raccoon spotted wandering with a peanut butter jar stuck over its head. It escaped rescue workers until the next day when they used a grabbing tool to pluck the jar from the raccoon's head.

A woman temporarily lost consciousness after she was accidentally hit by a tranquilizer dart for monkeys in Fuji, Shizuoka Prefecture. She recovered her senses about two hours later.

Quiz

1. Why was the Greggs bakery still closed on Monday?
2. Why was the Chilbolton fire service called out on Wednesday evening?

Conversation:

- Mom:* Johnny, what are you screaming about? You look like you've seen a ghost!
- Johnny:* There's a d-d-d-dinosaur in my room! I saw it run b-b-behind the c-c-curtain!
- Mom:* A dinosaur? What are you jabbering about? Take a deep breath and start again.
- Johnny:* Well, it looked like a crocodile... I mean, it wasn't as big... maybe a lizard.
- Mom:* Ah. You must have seen a gecko. Don't worry, they're harmless. Now, come on, back to bed.
- Johnny:* Whaaaaat?? D-d-d-daddy! Help! There's a dinosaur in my room!

Discussion

1. Which of the stories did you find the most interesting? Why?
2. Are you afraid of any creatures that come into your home? How do you get rid of them?
3. Have you ever been to a national park? Tell me about it.

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