

Rats become a big problem in cities

Vocabulary Match

- pest ● frequent ● overflowing ● solution ● breed ● resistant ●
- often ● bug ● spilling ● answer ● multiply ● unaffected

Article

Rats are becoming a big problem in many cities, including London, New York, and Toronto. In one London home, a man found rats inside his flat, which made him worry about his children's health.

Pest control companies say rat numbers are rising because of warmer winters, fast food, less frequent rubbish collection, and overflowing bins. Studies show rat activity has increased as temperatures rise.

Rats breed very fast and often avoid eating poison. Some are also resistant to it. New York even created a special job called "Rat Tsar" to teach people how to stop rats. Experts say the best solution is reducing food waste and keeping cities cleaner.

Quiz

1. Where are rats becoming a big problem?
2. What made the man worry about his children's health?
3. Why are rat numbers rising?
4. What is the best solution to the rat problem according to experts?

Conversation

- A: Did you hear about the rat problem in the city?
- B: Yeah, I saw a rat in my kitchen yesterday!
- A: Oh no! That must have been horrible.
- B: It really was. I called pest control, but they said it might take a while.
- A: I hope they come soon.
- B: Me too. In the meantime, I'll make sure there's no food left out.

Discussion

1. Have you ever seen a rat in your city?
2. What would you do if you found a rat in your home?
3. Do you think rats are cute or scary?
4. What other pests are a problem in your country?