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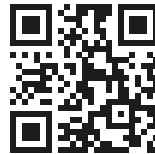
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はじめに

このテキストはアメリカの3大テレビ・ラジオネットワークのひとつである CBS の看板ニュース報道番組“CBS Evening News”と朝の情報番組“CBS Mornings”，そして日曜版の“CBS Sunday Morning”の中で取り上げられたニュースを収録したものです。個性豊かなアンカーや記者たちが様々な話題についてレポートしているため、英語を外国語として学んでいる学習者にとってもたいへん興味深いものがありますが、本書はその中から特に日本人英語学習者にとって身近で親しみやすく、アメリカ人の生活や文化を直接反映しているニュースを厳選しました。今シリーズでは主に新型コロナによるパンデミックを経験した後で、人と人との結びつきや多様な価値観の受け入れなど、社会における様々な課題にアメリカ人が日々の生活の中でどのように取り組んできたかについて取り上げています。また、現代日本における社会問題や文化的事象を取り上げている話題も含まれており、日本や日本文化が現在のアメリカ人にどのように受け止められているかを垣間見ることもできます。

IT 技術の急速な進展のおかげで、本テキストのニュース素材がネットを通して、スマートフォンやコンピュータ上で簡単に視聴できるようになっています。学習する際には映像をヒントにしながら視聴しその内容を理解することが第1の目標となりますが、その内容を十分理解したあとでニュースの音声に合わせて「シャドーイング」を行うことによって、英語の音声面の強化をはかることもめざしています。アンカーやレポーターたちは限られた時間内にできるだけ多くの情報を盛り込もうとしているため、1分間に150語から200語程度の速さで話しています。英語を外国語として学んでいる学習者がそれをそのまま真似て同じように復唱するにはかなり無理がありますが、本テキストでは最新の話速変換技術を用いて、生の素材を生かしながらそのスピードを80%程度に遅くした音声や動画も併せて提供しています。ニュースに登場する人々の英語には生の感情がそのまま込められていますので、それをくりかえし練習することによってリスニング力を高めるとともに、英語特有の強弱のリズムやイントネーションをぜひ体感してください。また、各ユニットの最後にはニュースについて、「あなたはどのように思いますか？あなたならどうしますか？」というように、話題について自分の立場に置き換えて考える活動が用意されています。多量のインプットに加えてこのように自分の考えをアウトプットすることによって、学習した言語項目を使いながら英語を身につけることができるようになっていきます。ニュースを理解するだけにとどまらず、様々な話題について自ら考え、それを英語で発信できる本物の英語力をぜひ身につけて下さい。

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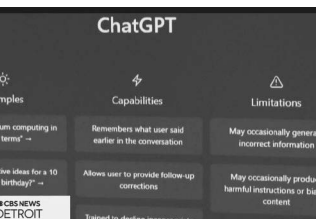
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UNIT

1

Cool Cat Helps Kids with Vision Problems

ANIMAL / COMPASSION



Before You Watch

Look at the title and photos, and then answer the questions.

1. Do you wear glasses?
2. How would you feel if you saw a cat wearing glasses?





Word Match

Match each word or phrase with the right definition below.

- () 1. In my **spare time** I look for new recipes that I want to try to cook.
- () 2. It was **awesome** to watch my favorite soccer team win the championship.
- () 3. Teenagers often **relate to** music lyrics that reflect their experiences growing up.
- () 4. Artists sometimes **copy** the styles of famous painters to improve their own art skills.
- () 5. Laser eye surgery improved my **vision**, so I no longer needed to wear contact lenses or glasses.
- () 6. Horror movies typically include very **scary** scenes that try to frighten the audience.
- () 7. Athletes **look to** their coaches for training advice to improve their performance.
- () 8. Her cover of the hit song went viral on social media and turned her into a musical **sensation** overnight.

- a. to imitate the style or behavior of someone or something
- b. to ask for guidance, advice, or help from someone
- c. something or someone that becomes very popular or widely known very quickly
- d. to feel a connection with someone or something
- e. ability to see
- f. very good, great fun
- g. causing fear
- h. free or available time



Getting the Gist (First Viewing) [Time 01:36]



Watch the news and choose the right word or phrase for each statement.

1. Truffles the cat helps kids feel (comfortable / scared / worried) when they get their glasses by modeling frames for them.
2. The cat has become very popular (in the clinic / in the neighborhood / on the internet).

Watch or listen to the news again. Fill in the blanks and answer the questions.

[CD 1-03]

Major Garrett: We end tonight looking at life through the eyes of a child, **by way of** one very cool cat. CBS's Jan Crawford brings it all ₁().

by way of ~
~を通して

Danielle Crull (optician): Show me the apple! Good job!

5 **Jan Crawford:** In her **spare time**, Truffles the kitty knows a lot of tricks.

Crull: Can you give me a **high five** for that? **Awesome!**



high five
ハイタッチ

10 **Crawford:** But **she's got** an important day job. She ₂() for kids.

she's got
= she has

Crull: Kids just really **related to** her right from the very beginning.

Crawford: At this Pennsylvania eye clinic, kids are excited to **copy** this rescue cat who ₃() one of her 25 pairs of glasses.

Comprehension Check

1. [T / F] Truffles, the cat at the eye care clinic, seems to be so smart that she can do lots of clever things.
2. [T / F] Children feel worried when they see Truffles.
3. [T / F] Children see Truffles wearing glasses and want to do the same as her.
4. [T / F] Truffles wears only one pair of glasses.

[CD 1-04]

15 **Crawford:** What are we missing generally with kids and **vision**?

Crull: I feel like the moment a child gets glasses is such an important moment in their life and it's always been my goal that I create, uh, a ₄() memory.

Crull: **Fingers crossed!**

20 **Crawford:** A quarter of kids like Joella have a vision issue that goes

Fingers crossed!
うまく行きますように!

undiagnosed. And it's not always fun for kids who
5 () or find doctors **scary.** That's where Truffles comes in.



undiagnosed
診断がまだなされて
いない

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Joella's mother: Truffles and Joella, they both are different, and they both have a heart to help.

Comprehension Check

- 5. [T/F] Crull understands how children feel when they get their glasses and she aims to make the experience positive and fun.
- 6. [T/F] Half of all children experience difficulties with their vision and do not receive the necessary treatment or support.
- 7. [T/F] Truffles and Joella make wearing glasses for children less acceptable through their examples.

[1-05]

Crawford: Kids all over the world now look to Truffles.



30 **Crull:** How does Truffles look?

Crawford: An online **sensation** to show them ().

Child: Thank you, Truffles!

35 **Crawford:** But **for all** her good works, **at heart** she's a cat. She kind of seems like she ().

Crull: She **definitely** must feel like she owns the place.

Crawford: Jan Crawford, CBS News, Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania.

for all ~
~だとしても
at heart
(どのように見えようとも) 心は
definitely
間違いなく

Comprehension Check

- 8. [T/F] The cat wearing glasses became well-known to many children worldwide over the internet.
- 9. [T/F] The cat seems to act like the owner or boss of the eye care clinic where she works.



5 Summary

CD 1-06

Fill in the blanks. The first letter of each word is already provided.

In her ₁(s) time, Truffles the kitty shows an ₂(a) talent – she knows a lot of tricks. But her important day job at a Pennsylvania eye care clinic is modeling glasses for kids with ₃(v) problems. Children adore Truffles and instantly ₄(r) to her and they eagerly ₅(c) this rescue cat who loves wearing her 25 pairs of glasses. Danielle Crull, the owner of the eye care clinic, understands how children feel when they get glasses. So, she tries to create a positive and fun memory for them. Truffles plays a crucial role in this by helping kids feel less different and making visits to the doctor’s office less ₆(s). Now, Truffles has become an online ₇(s), and kids all over the world ₈(l) to her as a guide. It’s a heartwarming story that shows how Truffles, despite being a cat, has a great impact on children’s lives and truly owns the place.

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6 Retelling the News Story

CD 1-07

Look at the photos below and fill in each blank with the words provided. Add your opinion at the end. Then use the photos and sentences as a guide to retell the news story to your partner or group.



Truffles is a smart cat who can do a lot of ₁_____. She ₂_____ for children at a Pennsylvania eye care clinic.



Truffles shows children with ₃_____ problems that going to see a doctor is not so ₄_____ and that wearing glasses is even ₅_____. They are excited to ₆_____ the cat without feeling ashamed of looking different.



Truffles has become an online ₇_____ all over the world and makes a ₈_____ impact on children’s lives.

In my opinion,

.....

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.....

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.....

.....

Word list

copy

vision

cool

glasses

scary

positive

tricks

sensation

models



Conversation in Action



Put the Japanese statements into English. Then listen to check your answers.

Liam: Hey Emma, have you seen that story about Truffles the cat on CBS? It's incredible!

Emma: Oh, you mean 1 the one _____ ?
Yeah, it's super sweet! Twenty-five pairs of glasses, can you imagine?
(目の問題をかかえている子供たちの手助けをするためにメガネをかけている猫のことね)

Liam: It's pretty cool how they're using her to 2 _____

(子供たちにメガネをかけることに対して気持ちを楽にさせるために)

Emma: Definitely, and it's clever too, because it's not just about the glasses. Truffles is helping 3 _____

(お医者さんを怖がったり、自分が他の人と違うと思っている子供たちを)

Liam: *For sure. Did you see the part where they said Truffles even looks like she owns the place?

Emma: Ha-ha, yeah, that was funny. But now that you mention it, she sort of does in a way. She's not just a mascot; she's like a little furry celebrity there.

Word Help

*For sure: without doubt Example: I'll be there, for sure.



8 Critical Thinking

Discuss the following questions with your partner or group. Give reasons to support your opinions.

Understanding the News

1. What kind of office does Truffles the cat work in?
2. Where did Truffles come from?
3. Why has Truffles become so popular?

What Do You Think?

1. What kind of unusual things have you seen animals do?
2. Why do you think people love animal tricks?
3. Have you ever had a pet or taken care of an animal? If so, how has it helped you?