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FARMERS USE FALCONS TO PROTECT BERRIES

Rather than using chemicals or noise to keep birds from eating their ripe berries, some farmers are trying a new way to (23) _____ hungry birds: bigger birds.

Farmers in some parts of the US have (24) _____ people who own falcons, which are large birds of prey, to guard their berries. Small birds called starlings love berries. They can destroy hundreds of thousands of dollars in berries each year. But starlings are afraid (25) _____ falcons, so they fly off when they see one (26) _____. Farmers use falcons that are (27) _____ not to kill the starlings and to fly back to their owners.

Keeping an eye (28) _____ the falcons is hard work. One man and his eight trained falcons (29) _____ last summer at the Roses Berry Farm in Glastonbury, Connecticut. They worked 11 hours a day, seven days a week, to chase starlings (30) _____ the farm.

In the past, the Roses tried chemicals and even small (31) _____ to scare away the birds. But the chemical is no (32) _____ sold and the neighbours did not like the noise from the cannons. The Roses thought about covering their 40 acres of blueberries with nets to protect them, but the netting would have been very expensive.

	A	B	C	D
23	scare off	scare about	scare in	scare on
24	selected	obtained	hired	delegated
25	off	of	from	at
26	nearby	near	nearly	close
27	educated	trained	improved	drilled
28	at	on	in	onto
29	produced	employed	worked	did
30	away	of	from	against
31	flintlocks	munitions	stoves	cannons
32	last	longer	shorter	deeper

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The famous Rockefeller Centre in Midtown Manhattan is an Art Deco NYC landmark. Spanning 22 acres and featuring 19 commercial buildings in New York, Rockefeller Centre is one of the most popular attractions in NYC. A beautiful New York destination (23) _____ year long, the Rockefeller Centre is home to (24) _____ NY events, including the (25) _____ of the famous Rockefeller Centre Christmas Tree, which is broadcast (26) _____ on TV around the world each year.

Built in 1939, Rockefeller Centre was the (27) _____ of famous NY businessman and philanthropist, John D. Rockefeller. This iconic NYC landmark has been featured in dozens of films and TV shows over the (28) _____ century, and is home to the legendary NBC Studios and *Saturday Night Live*. With its serene statues and beautiful art nouveau (29) _____, Rockefeller Centre is also a popular destination for art enthusiasts in NYC. With so much history and culture surrounding it, the Rockefeller Centre in Midtown Manhattan is a must-see NYC attraction for first-time (30) _____ in New York City.

Rockefeller Centre is the (31) _____ of some of the most popular events in NYC. From the famous lighting of the Rockefeller Christmas Tree to the national shows (32) _____ daily at 30 Rock, there is almost always a NYC event taking place at Rockefeller Centre NY.

	A	B	C	D
23	all	each	every	throughout
24	singular	lengthy	numerous	extended
25	bolt	lighting	lamping	firing
26	past	imaginary	broad	live
27	optics	vision	reality	perspective
28	lasting	present	past	periodical
29	murals	canvas	panorama	painters
30	collectors	visitors	passers-by	pedestrians
31	position	location	site	sighting
32	registered	reminded	rewarded	recorded

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GROCERY STORE BANS PLASTIC BAGS

Many people are asked «Paper or plastic?» when their groceries are being bagged in the supermarket. Soon one grocery store won't be asking shoppers that question. The store is eliminating plastic bags to (23) _____ on the amount of trash in the environment.

The owners of *Whole Foods Market* said in January that they will no longer use disposable plastic bags after Earth Day 2008, which is 22 April. They hope shoppers will bring their (24) _____ reusable bags. If shoppers don't bring their own bags, the store will (25) _____ paper bags made from recycled paper.

The store's (26) _____ to end use of plastic bags is its gift to the planet this Earth Day, said A.C. Gallo, *Whole Foods'* president. «We estimate we will (27) _____ 100 million new plastic grocery bags out of our environment between Earth Day and the end of this year», he said.

Scientists say that plastic bags are bad (28) _____ the environment because they (29) _____ drains, harm wildlife, and (30) _____ too much space in landfills.

Some countries have (31) _____ plastic bags and others tax people who use them. Last year, San Francisco, California, became the first US city to forbid disposable plastic bags (32) _____ stores.

Some people say we should stop «trashing» plastic bags. Plastic bags are cheaper and take less energy to produce than paper bags, they say. Plus, they can be used over and over.

	A	B	C	D
23	cut in	cut off	cut down	cut for
24	own	private	individual	peculiar
25	suggest	offer	propose	nominate
26	dream	ambition	plan	scale
27	show	bring	put	keep
28	against	on	for	off
29	seal	clog	tie	hinder
30	take up	take down	take after	take off
31	closed	banned	restricted	shut
32	of	from	off	on