Reading

14 Read the text and for questions 1-4 choose the best answer (A, B or C).

Animal Rain

History books are full of tales of strange things happening with the weather, but none may be stranger than 'animal rain'. Stories of raining frogs and fish might sound like something from a fairytale, but from as far back as the first century there are reports of it actually happening.

Scientists believe this unusual weather occurs when storms cause waterspouts* to form over areas of water such as the sea, lakes or even small ponds. The air current picks up the small marine life and carries it in the clouds. These big clouds can travel long distances before releasing the animals all at once in the 'animal rain'.

There are reports of this happening all over the world but in the small Honduran town of Yoro it appears to be a regular occurrence. For the last 100 years every May to July, after massive rain storms the people go out into the fields with wooden baskets to collect the fish that fall from the skies. They even have an annual festival, which started in 1998, called *Lluvia de Peces* to celebrate this 'Rain of Fish'.

* tornadoes over water

1 Animal rain
- **A** is a new weather event.
- **B** has got a long history.
- **C** comes from a fairytale.

2 Scientists believe the waterspouts
- **A** only form over salt water.
- **B** don't form over big bodies of water.
- **C** can form over any type of water.

3 The storm clouds
- **A** drop the fish all in one place.
- **B** don't travel very far.
- **C** are small in size.

4 Lluvia de Peces
- **A** started 100 years ago.
- **B** happens every year.
- **C** takes place in a field.

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