

1 Read the newspaper articles. Match the headings with the articles.

- 1 Cat burglar!
- 2 Rubbish art?
- 3 Into thin air

A

Rubbish art?

The police are looking for a person who left a plastic bag in a bin last night. Mr Charles Norris of 43 York Road found the bag and took it to the police station. 'I was putting some old newspapers into the recycling bin when I saw a large orange plastic bag,' he says. 'It was a very unusual bag so I knew something was going on. I opened it and there was a painting inside. I was very surprised!' The police now know the painting was stolen from an art gallery but they don't understand why the thief put it in the bin. However, they have thanked Mr Norris for finding the painting and it is now back in the gallery.



2 Read the articles again and answer the questions. Write a, b or c.

Which article ...

- 1 talks about an unknown thief? A
- 2 talks about a person who didn't call the police? and
- 3 describes a mystery?
- 4 says that someone was amused?
- 5 is about a thief that stole different kinds of things?
- 6 talks about a thief who isn't an animal?

B

A few months ago, in the village of Muddleford, things started disappearing from people's homes and gardens. Nothing important was lost but people were annoyed and they called the police. But they couldn't find the thief. Then jewellery, leather gloves and car keys started disappearing and that's when Maggie Wilson, thirty-three, solved the mystery. The thief was Nibbles, Maggie's cat. 'He sometimes used to bring socks, pencils and small toys home and I thought it was funny,' says Maggie. 'But it wasn't so funny when I found jewellery and stuff under the bed! I hope my neighbours won't be angry with me when I give them back their things!'



3 Write questions about the articles in Exercise 1, then answer them. Use the past simple passive.

- 1 who / the plastic bag / find / by?
 A: *Who was the plastic bag found by?*
 B: *It was found by Mr Charles Norris.*
- 2 where / the painting / steal / from?
 A:
 B:
- 3 who / the Muddleford mystery / solve / by?
 A:
 B:
- 4 where / jewellery / hide?
 A:
 B:
- 5 who or what / Irene Thomas' glasses / steal / by?
 A:
 B:
- 6 the glasses / break?
 A:
 B:

C



It was a warm morning yesterday so seventy-year-old Irene Thomas decided to have breakfast in her garden. When she finished, she took off her glasses and put them on the table next to her. 'I just wanted to take them inside and clean them,' said Irene.

Unfortunately, a magpie saw them, flew down and stole them. 'It happened very quickly and I was frightened at first. Magpies are very cheeky birds!' she said. Fortunately, Irene got her glasses back: they were big and heavy so the bird dropped them a few metres away. 'I was lucky! They weren't broken. Glasses are expensive!'