

Christian the Lion

1. 次の英文を読んで、あとの問いに答えなさい。

Shoppers filled a big London department store one day in 1969. John and Ace shared a house in London. At that time they were shopping for Christmas presents to send to their families in Australia.

While they were shopping, they found a small cage with a baby lion in it (①)! “②in / never / a lion / I've / a department store / seen!” Ace cried out (③).

The baby lion was cute, but it looked really sad. ④They felt sorry for the lion in such a small cage. Finally John said, “Let’s buy him.”

The male lion was named Christian. In just a few days, Christian came to like his new life with John and Ace. The two men and Christian got on really well. When one of the men was talking to the other, ⑤Christian would touch him gently to show that he wanted to play with them.

Christian also loved to go out. John and Ace bought a special collar for him. When they went out for a walk with him, he pulled on his lead like an excited little dog. They also ran and played with a ball together in a field (⑥). “I can’t imagine life without him,” John said (⑦).

At first, people were surprised to see a lion in London. However, they soon found that Christian was a lovely little friend. Lots of people, including newspaper photographers and television reporters, came to see him.

However, Christian was growing up very fast. John and Ace felt that their happy life wouldn’t last long.

(1) ①, ③, ⑥, ⑦の()に入る適切な語句を次から1つずつ選び、記号で答えなさい。

ア. in surprise イ. with a smile ウ. for hours エ. for sale オ. in fright

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(2) 下線部②の語句を、文意が通るように並べかえなさい。

(3) 下線部④について、そのように感じた理由を日本語で書きなさい。

(4) 下線部⑤について、クリスチャンがこのようにした理由を日本語で書きなさい。

(5) 本文の内容について、次の問いに英語で答えなさい。

What did people in London think of Christian?

(6) 本文の内容に一致するものを次から1つ選び、記号で答えなさい。

ア. John and Ace went to a department store because they wanted to buy a pet.

イ. It took a long time for Christian to come to like his life with John and Ace.

ウ. John and Ace knew they would have to give up their happy life with Christian.

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