

Unit 1

Pets

Getting Ready

Have you seen the following **statues** before? Do you know why people put the statues there?



The statue of Bobby in Edinburgh, Britain



The statue of Hachiko in Shibuya, Japan

Yes / No, I _____ these two statues before. I think people put the statues there because _____.

Reading Station

Read the following passage and answer the questions.

Vocabulary Building

statue (n)
塑像

faithful (adj)
忠誠的

professor (n)
教授

see ... off (phr)
為……送行

Faithful dog Hachiko

Shibuya is one of the fashion centres of Japan today. There is a dog statue outside the train station. Do you know the story behind the statue?

It was about a dog called Hachiko. He was born in 1923. Later, he was kept by **Professor Ueno**, who lived in Shibuya. Hachiko **saw** his master **off** at the front door and then went to the station to wait for him at 3 p.m. every day. However, on 21 May, 1925, Hachiko arrived at the station at three as usual but he could not see his master. Professor Ueno had died in his office on that day.

Hachiko was very loyal. He returned to the station daily at 3 p.m. in order to meet the professor, day after day and month after month. The months finally turned to years. People **took pity on** him and gave him some food. The story spread across the city. Some people travelled to Shibuya to see him, feed him or gently touch his head to show their support.

Finally on March 7, 1934, almost ten years after the death of the professor, the 11-year-old dog died outside the station.

Hachiko's story was **published** in a newspaper. People decided to put up a statue for him. Today, the statue has become a famous place in Shibuya where hundreds of people sit and wait for their friends.

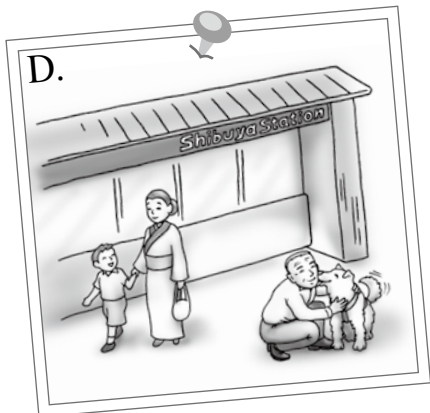
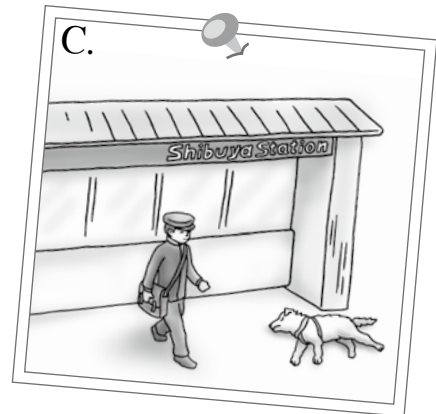
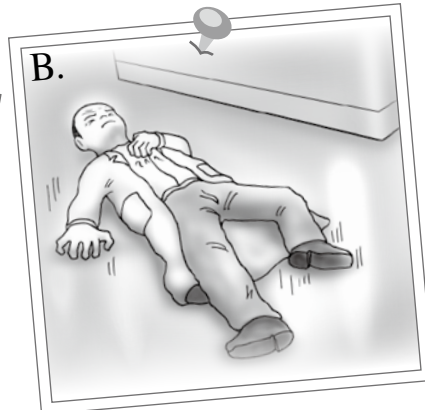
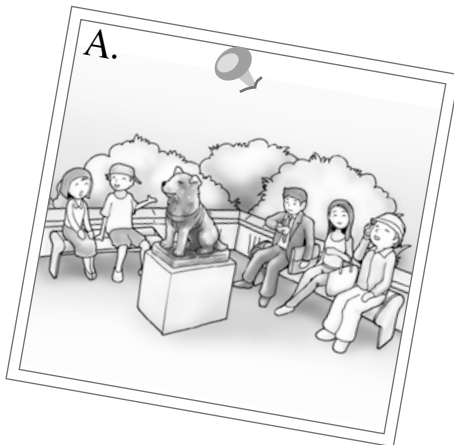


Hachiko

Vocabulary Building

take pity on (phr)
同情
publish (v)
出版

A. Put the following pictures in the correct order. Write the letters (A-F) in the boxes.



1. → 2. → 3. → 4. → 5. → 6.