

Read the text. Then answer the questions.

### Fishy Weather Conditions

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Lajamanu, Australia, is a dry little town with 600 residents, sitting right on the edge of the Tanami desert. On a map, Lajamanu looks a lot closer to the center of Australia than any coast. On any given day, red dust blows down the streets, and a dry wind hurries weeds down the dirt roads. Not much happens that is new or unexpected, so imagine how amazed its residents were when live fish rained down on them from a dark gray cloud one afternoon.

That is exactly what happened in the remote Australian village. Raining fish, especially more than 300 miles from an ocean, seems like it must be an elaborate hoax. In some places, however, it happens so often that it doesn't even surprise residents any longer. In Yoro,

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The author suggests that raining fish was a welcomed event to some people. Which sentence from the text best supports this inference?

- (A) "In some places, however, it happens so often that it doesn't even surprise residents any longer."
- (B) "In Yoro, Honduras, it happens so regularly that they have begun to predict the Lluvia de Peces, or Rain of Fishes, once or twice a year."
- (C) "In Lajamanu, Australia, the fish were not only alive, but some were large enough to eat."
- (D) "It has rained fish on every continent, and each time, people have tried in various ways to explain this strange phenomenon."

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Which statement best summarizes the central idea of the text?

- (A) Fish adapt to their environments, and in some cases lose certain abilities.

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Rain of Fishes, once or twice a year

How do clouds make fish? The simple answer is that they don't. There is a particular weather phenomenon called a waterspout. A waterspout is just like a tornado, only it forms above oceans, lakes, or rivers. Like a tornado, a waterspout is shaped like a funnel and moves in a circle at high speeds. The speed creates a vacuum effect which causes the funnel to suck everything it passes upward into its highest, widest section. Some waterspouts are only a few feet tall, but others are over a hundred feet high! When they vacuum in the water, waterspouts tend to carry the fish with them, as well as frogs or other small plants or animals.

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- Ⓐ Fish adapt to their environments, and in some cases lose certain abilities.
- Ⓑ Animals raining from the sky is an unusual event that can be explained through science.
- Ⓒ Scientists need to capture fish raining from the sky on film before the event is believable.
- Ⓓ Animals live through varying weather conditions despite extreme changes to their environments.

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As these waterspouts reach land, they begin to dissipate, or lose momentum. But since warm air rises, the water and all of the things in it tend to move upward, into the atmosphere, in the form of clouds. When the clouds, carried by wind, travel rapidly over land, they become laden with too much weight, and it begins to rain. This is how the fish and frogs seem to fall

Read the paragraphs from the text. Then, answer the question.

Scientists couldn't figure it out at first. To make matters stranger still, the fish in Yoro were very much alive when they rained down to the ground, but they were all blind. In England, it rained fish, frogs, spiders, and snakes, and none were blind. In Lajamanu, Australia, the fish were not only alive, but some were large enough to eat. It was difficult to puzzle out, but the blind fish in Yoro gave them a nice taste to