

It's Raining Fish and Frogs

Woah! That rain is really heavy!

Some people might even say "it's raining cats and dogs"!

But that's just a funny expression. It just means heavy rain.

意思是在下傾盆大雨，並沒有真的在下動物雨。

But there actually is a very strange and rare weather event called animal rain!

Yep. And it happened not long ago in the state of Texas in the USA.

美國德州最近真的發生下動物雨！

On what seemed like just a normal rainy day, people suddenly noticed fish and frogs falling to the ground!

How does this happen?

Sometimes a swirling wind, like a tornado, happens over water.

This is called a waterspout.

有時候龍捲風會在水上形成，叫做水龍捲。

Sometimes small animals like fish and frogs get pulled into the waterspout and carried away from the water. They then come back down to the ground with the rain.

魚或是青蛙這些小動物，有時候會被水龍捲捲上半空，然後隨著大雨掉回地上。

That's how it rains fish and frogs!

That's so weird, right?

There have even been reports of other animals coming down with rain. Birds, crabs, and even snakes and spiders!

也有人看過其他種類的動物，像是鳥、螃蟹、蛇跟蜘蛛，跟著雨從天而降。

Woaaaaah! That sounds like a nightmare!

And probably another reason to always bring an umbrella!

Vocabulary

下雨時小動物隨著雨滴一起落下來，真會嚇人一跳！

1) Rain 下雨。

Are you going out? 你要出門嗎？

It's raining hard outside! 外面在下大雨。

That's okay. I have a raincoat. 沒關係，我有雨衣。

2) Umbrella 雨傘。

You'll still need an umbrella. 你還是需要一把傘。

Here, take mine. 來吧，你拿我的。

But I don't like carrying an umbrella around. 可是我不喜歡拿著雨傘到處走。

3) Tornado 龍捲風。

Tornadoes are scary! 龍捲風很可怕！

Indeed. Tornadoes can pick up a person and throw them down. 龍捲風可以把人捲起來再扔下來。

4) Happen 發生。

What's happening? 發生了什麼事？

Why are you running downstairs? 為什麼你們往樓下跑？

A tornado is coming! 龍捲風要來了！

Quiz

1. What kind of weird weather is the story about?
A: Cake rain
B: Animal rain
C: Dry rain

2. Where did this kind of weather recently happen?
A: Texas
B: Paris
C: Singapore

3. What came down with the rain?
A: Fish and frogs
B: Cats and frogs
C: Bears and pigs

Answers

1. B
2. A
3. A