

A Shower of Flower Petals

- (1) Many people on a highway in London were pleasantly surprised Wednesday, the day before Valentines Day, when pink and red flower petals started blowing in the wind.
- (2) The incident took place early in the morning when a sudden strong gust of wind tore the petals off many flowers in the back of an open delivery truck.
- (3) The driver, a 22-year-old, college student was delivering fresh flowers to many shops in order to fulfill one of the busiest holidays.
- (4) As he was driving swiftly on the highway he noticed he was not going to make his delivery on time, so he started to drive faster.
- (5) With the increased speed and the heavy winds, the flowers were blowing restlessly until petals were ripped off and fluttered in the air, spreading all over the highway.
- (6) He quickly stopped his car and tried to recover as many flowers as he could.
- (7) Unfortunately less than half were usable.
- (8) The driver's boss was very sympathetic about what had happened, but told him it's better to be late with all the flowers than being punctual with only half of the order intact.

語注

- (1) petal 花びら
- (2) incident 出来事 take place 起こる gust 一陣の風、突風 tore<tear (引き裂く)の過去形
- (3) fulfill (義務・約束など) を果たす
- (4) notice 気づく on time 時間どおりに
- (5) increase 増やす restlessly 休まずに rip 引き裂く flutter ひらひら舞う
- (6) recover 取り戻す、回収する
- (8) sympathetic 同情して punctual 時間を厳守する intact 損なわれていない、そっくりそのまま