

# The Mechanic Was Surprised!

(意味の区切れでスラッシュ&ルビ入り)

## 1. 大意をつかむ

★質問★ このエピソードを読んで、どんな言葉が思い浮かびますか。

When a policeman <sup>警察官</sup> near <sup>～の近くの</sup> Chicago <sup>シカゴ</sup> / came back / from a holiday, // he <sup>休暇</sup>  
noticed <sup>気づいた</sup> / that one of the headlights <sup>ヘッドライト</sup> / on his police car / wasn't working. <sup>点いている</sup>  
// He <sup>持って行った</sup> took the car / to a mechanic <sup>自動車整備士</sup>. // The mechanic was surprised <sup>驚いた</sup> /  
when he looked inside. // He <sup>覗き込む</sup> found <sup>中を</sup> a nest <sup>見つけた</sup>! // It was made of leaves, <sup>葉っぱ</sup> / and  
there were four tiny <sup>小さな</sup> baby <sup>赤ちゃん</sup> squirrels <sup>リス</sup> ("risu") / inside. // Their mother had <sup>彼らの</sup>  
made a nest / for them / in a warm <sup>暖かい</sup> place, <sup>場所</sup> / near <sup>～の近くに</sup> the engine <sup>エンジン</sup>. // The  
policeman didn't want / to <sup>命を奪う</sup> kill the babies, / so he <sup>入れる</sup> put them / in a box /  
and <sup>置いて離れる</sup> left the box <sup>外に</sup> outside. // The squirrel mother came back / in the  
evening. // She took her babies / <sup>一匹</sup> one by one <sup>ずつ</sup> / to a new nest / inside a  
tree.