Where must the puma have come from?

Pumas are large, cat-like animals which are found in America.

When reports came into London Zoo that a wild puma had been spotted forty-five miles south of London, they were not taken seriously.

However, as the evidence began to accumulate, experts from the Zoo felt obliged to investigate, for the descriptions given by people who claimed to have seen the puma were extraordinarily similar.

The hunt for the puma began in a small village where a woman picking blackberries saw 'a large cat' only five yards away from her.

It immediately ran away when she saw it, and experts confirmed that a puma will not attack a human being unless it is cornered.

The search proved difficult, for the puma was often observed at one place in the morning and at another place twenty miles away in the evening.

Wherever it went, it left behind it a trail of dead deer and small animals like rabbits.

Paw prints were seen in a number of places, and puma fur was found clinging to bushes.

Several people complained of 'cat-like noises' at night, and a businessman on a fishing trip saw the puma up a tree.

The experts were now fully convinced that the animal was a puma, but where had it come from?

As no pumas had been reported missing from any zoo in the country, this one must have been in the possession of a private collector and somehow managed to escape.

The hunt went on for several weeks, but the puma was not caught.

It is disturbing to think that a dangerous wild animal is still at large in the quiet countryside.

The reports received by London Zoo that a puma had been spotted forty-five miles south of London were similar in nature.

A woman picking blackberries saw it first, but the puma moved from place to place, leaving a trail of dead deer and small animals.

Paw prints and puma fur were found as well.

'Cat-like noises' were heard at night, and the animal was seen up a tree.

Now, experts were convinced that the animal really was a puma.

Mrs. Stone had spent the whole morning picking blackberries in the countryside near her home.

It was nearly lunchtime, so she decided to return home for lunch.

She was just picking up her basket when she heard a noise in the bushes.

Then she saw an animal which looked like a cat.

She knew it was not a cat because it was so large.

The animal suddenly turned round to look at her, and she thought it was going to come towards her and perhaps attack her.

She dropped her basket and screamed loudly.

Hearing the sound, the animal disappeared into the bushes, after which Mrs. Stone picked up her basket and ran all the way home.

She told her neighbours that she had seen a puma in the countryside, but they did not believe her.

She also telephoned the police, but they didn't believe her either.

About whom are you talking?

Whom are you talking about?

That is the film about which I told you.

That is the film I told you about.

What are you looking at?

Where is your mother going to?

Whom has the letter been sent to?

This is the house I was born in?

What does your decision depend on?

He is the man about whom we have heard so much.

The shelf on which you put those books has collapsed.

From whom did you receive a letter?

This is the road by which we came.

Where is the pencil with which you were playing?

He is the man we have heard so much about.

The shelf you put those books on has collapsed.

Who did you receive a letter from?

This is the road we came by.

Where is the pencil you were playing with?

Experts eventually decided to investigate because people's descriptions of the puma had a lot in common.

What particular piece of evidence persuaded the experts that a puma had been seen in the village? The puma had not attacked the woman.

What was the problem the experts were unable to solve?

Whom the puma had belonged to?

The accumulating evidence made the experts think the animal was a puma.

People said they had seen the puma.

On being observed, it immediately ran away.

Pumas never attack a human being except when they are cornered.

The experts were now fully convinced that the animal could only have been a puma.

The woman saw 'a large cat' no more than five yards away from her.

A puma will not attack a human being unless it feels itself to be in a trap.

A businessman on a fishing trip is probably someone who fishes for pleasure.

A private collector is a man who collects for his own benefit.