

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 1014

Hi, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior!

Today I will talk about keeping rabbits. Let's begin!

You must feed your rabbit every day. You must give your rabbit water every day. You must keep its cage clean.

Rabbits like to chew. They need to chew.

Their front teeth never stop growing. Chewing stops them from growing.

Rabbits will chew anything. They will chew on furniture. They will chew on wires.

Give them wood to chew.

That's all for today! See you!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 1014

Hi, everyone! Welcome back to PR1!

Today, we're going to learn about crocodiles.

For centuries, people lived with and respected the crocodile. Those snapping jaws and lethal teeth frightened all attackers away, whether human or animal. People were also fascinated by their characteristic calls, their beauty and their intelligence. In a number of different cultures, crocodiles were worshipped. Unfortunately, it was their beautiful skin which put them under threat. When explorers realized how valuable crocodile skin was, everything changed. A high-end skin costs about [a] thousand dollars. Hunters risked their lives – and sometimes lost them – in order to satisfy the world's demand for crocodile skin. Worse was to come. The crocodiles' homes began to disappear as new towns and industries were developed on the land near swamps and rivers.

That's it! See you!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 1014

Hello, everyone, and welcome back to PR2.

Today, let's delve into the captivating history of coffee, a beverage loved for its rich flavors and invigorating aroma.

Coffee's journey begins in the ancient highlands of Ethiopia, where legend has it that a goat herder named Kaldi discovered the energizing effects of coffee beans after noticing his goats frolicking with renewed vigor upon consuming them. This discovery sparked the cultivation of coffee plants and the birth of coffee culture in the region.

As coffee gained popularity in Ethiopia, it soon made its way to the Arabian Peninsula, where it became an integral part of social gatherings and spiritual ceremonies. By the 15th century, coffeehouses began to emerge in the Middle East, serving as hubs for intellectual discourse and community interaction.

The allure of coffee eventually reached Europe during the 17th century, where it was met with both curiosity and controversy. Coffeehouses sprang up across major European cities, becoming centers of cultural exchange and innovation. The introduction of coffee to the New World further fueled its global expansion, with coffee plantations flourishing in regions like Latin America and the Caribbean.

Today, coffee remains a beloved beverage enjoyed by people of all walks of life. From the artisanal coffee shops of Seattle to the bustling cafes of Paris, coffee culture continues to thrive, offering a diverse array of brewing methods, roasting techniques, and flavor profiles. Whether you prefer a velvety espresso [or] a frothy cappuccino, coffee provides a comforting ritual that brings people together and ignites the senses.

That's all for today. See you next time.