

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 1036

Hi, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior.

Today, let me tell you about a story: *The Monster in my Closet*.

I cannot sleep. The night is dark. It rains all night long.

The wind is strong. I hear a noise in my closet, I am scared.

Is there a monster in my closet?

Then I hear "Meow, meow."

I open the door and I see my cat in the closet.

She likes to hide from the rain in my closet!

That's all for today. Bye!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 1036

Hello, everyone! Welcome come to PR1.

I will talk about culture shock. Let's take a listen.

While it is exciting to see new sights, to hear a different language and to eat different foods in a foreign country, sometimes the sudden change can make people uncomfortable. People may get homesick and miss their families, friends and the comfort of their home. This is known as culture shock. When you first arrive in a new country, there is a lot to do and see, and it all seems very exciting. After a few weeks or months, however, people often begin to miss their old home. There may be difficulties that they don't know how to deal with.

That was the first half of the story. Let's continue next time! Bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 1036

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.

I have another news story for you hear that is about some of the biggest creatures to have ever lived on Earth. That's right, it is... not about dinosaurs; it is about whales! And I think this story is especially interesting scientifically, so take a listen:

It is one of Earth's most haunting sounds – the singing of baleen whales heard over vast distances in the watery realm. Now scientists have finally figured out how these marine mammals do it. Baleen whales – a group that includes the blue whale – use a larynx, or voice box, anatomically modified to enable underwater vocalization, researchers said on February 21st. That means baleen whales make their sounds with their larynx, as do humans, while toothed whales – including dolphins, porpoises, killer whales, and sperm whales – evolved a different mechanism employing a special organ in their nasal passages.

Ah, you see, well there you go – it looks like there's another thing that these giant marine mammals have in common with us bipedal, hairless primates. And it kind of makes sense when you think about it, because when you try to do an impression of whale song, it's kind of easy to do if you use your own larynx, like- ...okay, I'm not going to do it myself as it won't sound anything near as beautiful as genuine whale song, partly because we're not underwater and also because I'm very tired.

Alright, guys, well, until next time – and as always – study hard, stay safe, and I'll see you soon.