

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 1042

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior.

Today, get ready for a fun quiz! Let's all guess together!

Think of something really big and tall, even taller than a tree.

It's got a long nose and big ears. I remember seeing it at the zoo. However, it actually lives out in the wild too! You can find it in Africa or the jungle. And here's something cool, people use it to carry heavy things! Can you guess which amazing animal I'm talking about? It's an elephant!

See you next time!]

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 1042

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to another PR one video.

Today, we will be sharing what we did during spring break.

I had lots of fun during my spring break. I travelled around Tokyo and went skiing in Niigata for three days. Since I love baking, I also spent time experimenting (with) new dessert recipes in my kitchen. Out of all the desserts, my favorite was the Oreo cheesecake. What did you do during the spring break?

For spring break, I went to the Ueno Park in Tokyo to go for a picnic with my friends. We set up a picnic nearby the river. From where we sat, we could see the whole view of the park. The cherry blossoms filled the park and it was very beautiful. The weather was nice too. We had an amazing time.

That's it for today! See you next time!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 1042

Hello, everyone! Welcome to PR two.

Today's topic is about the world's first nature reserve.

Are you ready? Let's begin.

Waterton Park was created by 19th Century naturalist Charles Waterton, at his family's estate near Wakefield. Shooting and fishing were banned on site by Waterton and a boundary wall was put up to keep out predators. Historic England described the park as the "first known example of a landscape designed to protect wildlife". As well as stopping hunting and fishing, Waterton also barred neighboring keepers and their dogs from entering during nesting season and worked to create new habitats for native birds.

The three-mile-long boundary wall - which has been given grade two listed status - took five years to complete with Waterton - a teetotaler - claiming "it was paid for by the wine I do not drink". In addition to his efforts to prevent disturbance and predators, Waterton planted new trees and undergrowth cover and also allowed part of the lake to become swampy for the benefit of herons and waterfowl.

According to Historic England, as a result of his work, one winter he recorded 5,000 wildfowl sheltering on the lake and over the years he noted one-hundred-twenty-three bird species in the park. Recognizing the benefits of wildlife and nature on the park-public, Waterton also actively encouraged people to visit the park to connect with the surroundings.

Sarah Charlesworth, listing team leader for Northern England, said: "Charles Waterton was a true visionary who recognized both the value of protecting wildlife and the powerful link between nature and our wellbeing.

That's all for today. See you!