

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 1044

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior! Today I will talk about cherry blossoms. Let's begin!

The Cherry Blossom Festival, also known as Sakura Matsuri, is a cultural event celebrated in many parts of the world. This festival marks the arrival of spring and the blooming of cherry blossoms, which represent the beauty of nature. It is now known beyond Japan and is celebrated all over the world.

That's all for today! See you!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 1044

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR1. Let's continue the story about culture shock.

As a result, they may start to spend time only with others from their own country, or refuse to eat the food from the new country. Sometimes, all they want to do is to complain about how bad things are, and they begin to dislike the country and the people there. This is a difficult time, but such feelings are a natural part of getting used to a new country.

Sometimes culture shock becomes serious and turns into a real sickness such as depression. A depressed person might have trouble sleeping or might sleep all the time and have no energy. People shouldn't be afraid to go to talk to someone about their problems. Sometimes a friendly chat is all that is needed to help.

That's all for today, bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 1044

Hello everyone, and welcome back to PR two.

Today, let's talk about the history of hamburgers. Its story begins in the late 19th and early 20th centuries, with one prevailing narrative tracing the hamburger's origins to Hamburg, Germany, where immigrants brought with them a dish known as 'Hamburg-style steak.' This dish featured minced beef seasoned with onions and spices, laying the groundwork for the evolution of the iconic hamburger patty.

Another account attributes the birth of the hamburger to America's heartland, where it gained popularity at county fairs and roadside diners. Legend has it that in 1900, Louis Lassen, a businessman, served the first hamburger in a bun at his lunch counter in New Haven, Connecticut. This event sparked its journey to fame.

Regardless of its exact origins, the hamburger captured the hearts and taste buds of Americans, spreading rapidly across the country and eventually around the globe. The 20th century witnessed the meteoric rise of the fast-food industry, epitomized by renowned chains like McDonald's, Burger King, and Wendy's, which further propelled the hamburger to its status as a beloved household favorite.

Today, hamburgers come in many types, from simple cheeseburgers to fancy versions with special toppings. Whether you like them grilled, fried, or vegetarian, there's a hamburger for everyone's taste.

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