

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 1064

Hi there! Welcome back to PR Junior.

Take a listen to the Part Four of *Pirate Adventure*.

A pirate came up. He looked at the children.

“Children!” said the pirate.

“Oh help!” said the children,

“Come on,” said the pirate.

The pirates had a boat. They went to the pirate ship.

“I’m scared,” said Wilf.

“We wanted a party,” said the pirate. “But nobody wanted to come. Will you come to the party?”

Please see the next video for Part Five. That’s all for today. Bye!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 1064

Hello, my PR1 friends!

I hope you are adjusting well to the new school year. In case you’re not, Golden Week is coming up so hang on tight!

On April 8th, a total solar eclipse moved across the United States. An eclipse is when the moon covers the sun, but a total solar eclipse is when the sun is 100% covered – even a 99% partial eclipse would result in a bright sky. People in Dallas, Indianapolis, and Buffalo, and other cities along the moon’s path were able to see the total eclipse. During the eclipse, the sky turned dark as if it was nighttime.

The next total solar eclipse in the U.S. is on August 23rd, 2044. I will be 42 years old!

Anyways, I hope you enjoyed today’s movie. See you again!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 1064

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to another PR2 video.

Today we will be talking about non-verbal communication. Let's take a look!

Words themselves do not communicate all the essential elements of what we need and want to convey to others. The expressions we make with our faces, the tone we use when we speak, and the gestures we make with our body are also key to communicating effectively. In fact, your brain needs to integrate both the sounds and body movements of the person who is speaking to accurately perceive what is meant. Furthermore, gestures actually help orchestrate the brain's language comprehension centers.

Biologists who study the evolution of human speech have demonstrated that spoken language emerges from our use of hand and facial gestures, and a recent neuroimaging study showed that hand gestures and speech originate in the same language-related area of the brain. This overlap between words and gestures appears to be associated with a rare cluster of brain cells called "mirror neurons." The neurons that fire in someone's brain when they make a specific gesture also fire in your brain as you observe them. Many of these mirror neurons are located in the brain's language centers, and they may be crucial for governing our ability to empathize and cooperate with others. Therefore, it is important to pay attention to the nonverbal messages given to [us] by others and to train ourselves to communicate.

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