

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 1065

Hi, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior.

Today, we will talk about Jennie and her school life.

Jennie loves to go to school every day. She always has fun in class and enjoys doing group work with her classmates. At lunchtime, Jennie talks with her friends and shares snacks. After school, she plays sports with her friends. Jennie loves dodgeball the most. She wants to try and play basketball next. School is a place where Jennie can learn, play, and create new memories.

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

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 1065

Hi, guys! Welcome back to PR1.

Today, I am going to talk about some mysterious islands.

In some lakes in Scotland and Ireland, there are small man-made islands. These are called crannogs. Building the crannogs was probably a lot of hard work. Some of the rocks weighed 250 kilograms. What is more, the crannogs are between 10 and 30 meters wide and connected to the land by a bridge made of rocks. Although there are over a thousand of them, no one knows the reason why they were made.

Experts used to think that the crannogs were built about 3,000 years ago. However, a diver found some broken pots in the water around the crannogs in a lake. Scientist discovered that the pots were over 5,000 years old!

That's all for today. Hope to see you soon! Bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 1065

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.

I have a news story here about my second – or maybe third – favourite topic behind my first preference of dinosaurs, and that is space and the mysteries of the universe. And this one deals with one of the biggest mysteries: black holes. Take a listen to this:

Astronomers have discovered a black hole with a mass of about 33 times greater than that of our sun, the biggest one known in the Milky Way aside from the supermassive black hole lurking at the centre of our galaxy. The newly identified black hole is located about 2,000 light-years from Earth – relatively close in cosmic terms – in the constellation Aquila, and has a companion star orbiting it, researchers said on April 16th. Black holes are extraordinarily dense objects with gravity so strong that not even light can escape, making it difficult to spot them.

Ah, yes, it's always difficult to spot something that doesn't give off any light at all; very much like a shadow, the only way you can detect it is to observe the absence of light. One of my favourite films features a scene where someone actually goes into a black hole to uncover the mysteries of gravity and send the data back to Earth. But as we know, it's not actually a hole, but an object – and so how would you go into it? Maybe one of you can explain it to me!

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