

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 1080

Hey, everyone! Welcome back to the PR Junior dictation challenge!

What do you want to be when you grow up? Do you want to be a doctor? How about a policeman? Maybe, you want to be a firefighter. Or, do you want to become a teacher? Do you like to teach others? How do you want to help the world? The world is a very, very big place. If you believe you can do it, I want you to push yourself to do it!

Thank you!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 1080

Hi everyone! Welcome back to ~~the~~ PR1.

Do you remember my video on pearl hunting? Today, I will talk about how the hunters “hunt” the pearls. Let’s begin.

Divers often risked their lives for pearls. They would dive to depth of 40 meters and remain underwater for up to two minutes – all without the use of special diving equipment. When they found an oyster they would open it up with a knife to see if it had a pearl inside. Unfortunately, not all oysters produce pearls. Divers often had to make thirty dives in one day to find enough. When they [ran] out of breath, they were pulled to the surface by a rope. At the end of a pearl-diving season, some divers would become wealthy enough to buy their own boat, thus becoming pearl traders.

That’s it! See you!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 1080

Hello my PR 2 friends! How are you all doing?

I've noticed that our day lengths are getting longer and longer since the sky's still bright at 6 PM. Today I wanted to share a story about the first public television broadcast, which took place in Schenectady, New York. Today is May 22nd, 2024, and the broadcast took place exactly 94 years ago in 1930.

The famous inventor Thomas Edison's company, General Electric or GE, was responsible for this revolutionary project. Swedish-born Ernst Alexanderson was a scientist at GE who had pioneered radio. They sent images of the show by a telephone line and transmitted the sound by radio lines from Proctors Theatre.

Really random fact, but I frequently played the violin at Proctors Theatre as a part of the Youth Orchestra in the region.

Anywho, forty-eight glass holes spun on a metal disc projecting only 48 definition lines compared to today's HDTVs, which provide 1,080 lines of resolution.

"Now when the touring Broadway shows come through we have 3 or 4 flat screen TVs on the balcony broadcasting the conductor," said Proctors Theatre publicist Michael Eck. So while the technology may have changed, what we do with it, has remained the same.

All right, that is all from me. I hope you learned something new – another reason to appreciate television today! Goodbye for now!