

Dictation Contest (PR Jr, 初級) No. 1087

Hello, PR Junior!

Today we will discuss a special firework festival!

I visited a friend in Nagaoka, Niigata. We went to a fireworks festival. We went to a fireworks festival. The festival started with three white fireworks. My friend said, "In August 1945 many people here died in the war. With these fireworks, we remember them and pray for peace." I didn't know that. The fireworks touched my heart

That's all for today, see you next time!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 1087

Hi, everyone! This is PR1.

Are you ready? Let's start!

One summer day, there was a hungry wolf wandering in the woods. His name was Alan and he was looking for a sheep – his favourite food. But even after half a day, he couldn't find any. Instead, he came across a big, mysterious fruit.

"Well, it's better than dying!"

He thought of the fruit as a sheep and took a bite. "It's not so bad!"

Soon after he said that, he felt sick. "Water!!" he shouted, and ran to a pond. When he tried to drink the water, he saw something white in the pond. A sheep!

Alan looked around, but there was no sheep. However, when he looked in the pond again, the sheep was still there.

That's all for today. Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 1087

Hello, everyone. Welcome back to PR2.

I hope you are having a good day today.

Today, I wanted to talk about an article I found discussing a spoon that helps you cut down on salt.

According to the article, a battery-powered spoon that makes food taste saltier is now available in stores in Japan. It is called the Electric Salt Spoon. It was created by researchers from Tokyo's Meiji University and the Japanese drinks company Kirin, in the hopes that their spoon may help people reduce the amount of salt they consume.

The spoon sends a weak electric current to the tongue, which is too weak to be felt. However, it makes salt taste up to one and a half times stronger. This means we can eat food with less salt but still sense a salty taste. While it is without a doubt that salt is important for our health, too much of it can cause cardiovascular diseases like high blood pressure, strokes, and heart problems. Actually, the World Health Organization recommends a daily salt intake of less than 5 grams. In Japan, the average person consumes around 10.1 grams of salt a day, which is higher than the average of 8.5 grams for Americans.

The price of the Electric Salt Spoon is 19,800 yen (around 99 dollars), which is not as cheap compared to normal spoons, but Kirin has a bright outlook, hoping to sell a million of them over the next five years.

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