

### Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 1098

Hi, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior!

Today, we are going to learn about pineapples.

Do you like pineapples? I really like pineapples. I even like pineapples on a pizza. It is called Hawaiian pizza. Many people do not like it, but I think it is the best kind of pizza in the world. Anyway, did you know that pineapples are good for your health? It is very rich in Vitamin C and many other vitamins. It helps your body to recover after exercising heavily.

That's it for today. See you!

### Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 1098

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to another PR1 video.

Today we will be talking about the concept of climate. Let's take a look!

Climate is sometimes mistaken for weather. But climate is different from weather because it is measured over a long period of time, since weather can change from day to day, or from year to year. The climate of an area includes seasonal temperature, rainfall averages, and wind patterns. Different places have different climates. A desert, for example, has an arid\* climate because little water falls, such as rain or snow, during the year. Other types of climate include tropical climates, which are hot and humid, and temperate climates, which have warm summers and cooler winters.

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

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 1098

[Hello] PR2 students!

Today I hoped to discuss another topic of interest for me in high school! That is the concept of the Rhizome as created by 2 of my favorite philosophers! Deleuze and Guattari!

These two thinkers are from the 20<sup>th</sup> century and they came together to write two paradigm shifting books. These books were *Anti Oedipus*, and *A Thousand Plateaus*, which I actually have right here – these are my copies!

Today we will be discussing the concept from the second book *A thousand Plateaus*: the Rhizome. Before I describe the Rhizome, I would like to discuss the concept of arborescence, for that is what the Rhizome opposes. Arborescence is a way of organizing knowledge in a tree structure, where there is a platonic ideal associated with each concept – or each tree – and as you branch out into binary oppositions, you go further and further away from this platonic ideal. For example, if we think about Art arborescently, there is a platonic ideal of aesthetics – that aesthetic ideal. Each art piece is judged according to that aesthetic ideal – for example, this is beautiful, this is ugly. The concept of the rhizome works almost entirely oppositely. Each concept is a concept which can be connected to any other concept. For example, a Picasso piece is not judged on an abstract aesthetic quality, but instead analyzed on its connection to the social world, to light, to what lines it creates; how does it affect an art student? How does it affect a passerby. The Rhizomatic way of living asks the question[s], what does this do? What can this do? Instead of, is this right! The rhizome actually originates from nature; the concept was taken from root structures such as potatoes and grasses!

That's all for today! If you're interested, I recommend you guys to look up the shape of a rhizome and compare it to the shape of the arbor! The way the rhizome works may surprise you!