

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 22

- Tim:** Hey, Robin.
Robin: Mm-hm?
Tim: What's your favourite season?
Robin: I like winter.
Tim: Oh, really? I prefer summer.
Robin: Why do you like summer?
Tim: Because I like hot, sunny weather.
Robin: What about rainy weather?
Tim: No! I hate rainy weather!
Robin: Why is that?
Tim: Because it ruins everything.

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- Tim:** It's raining again.
Robin: Oh, is it? That's a shame.
Tim: Yeah, it's so annoying.
Robin: You really don't like rainy weather, huh?
Tim: No, I hate it. It's the worst.
Robin: Why do you hate it so much?
Tim: Because it's just such a pain! You can't do any fun activities or anything else outside. You have to carry an umbrella around with you all day, which is just so troublesome. Plus, you can't wear nice shoes because they'll just get ruined by the rain and puddles on the ground. It's just so--

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Hey guys.

There's a lot of negative and quite scary news going around these days, so I thought I would share with you a fairly interesting and more positive news story that I found recently. So, listen to this:

A cat-sized mammal dubbed "crazy beast" lived on Madagascar among some of the last dinosaurs to walk the Earth, scientists have revealed. The 66-million-year-old fossil is described in the journal *Nature*. Its discovery challenges previous assumptions that mammals were generally very small – the size of mice – at this point in their evolutionary history. Researchers say this individual animal weighed three kilograms and had not reached its full adult size. Scientists think that the badger-like creature, known as *Adalatherium hui*, would have burrowed. It had a large collection of nerves in the snout, making this area extremely sensitive – a feature frequently seen in burrowing animals. Before mammals took over the Earth, they probably had to run and hide from the much larger dinosaurs that ruled our planet – not to mention other predators.

What do you think about that? If you want to know more about this little guy or see a picture of him, you can look it up on the internet. OK?

Alright guys, stay safe, and see you soon.