

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 228

Hi, guys!

Welcome back to PR Junior! Today, we will continue with Marley's adventure at the bakery.

The baker left Marley alone with the cookies and went to call the dog's family. Marley stared at the cookies. They looked delicious. Everything around him smelled so good. He started sniffing the cookies, the cakes, and the breads. But then Marley sniffed a bag of flour. "Achoo!" sneezed Marley.

Okay, let's stop there. See you next time!

Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 228

Hello, everyone! How are you doing?

I hope you're all staying safe.

Today, I have a text about the origin of pizza. Let's have a listen.

Many people think that pizza comes from Italy, but actually it was first made in Greece. About the first or second century, the Greeks baked large, flat pieces of bread and put herbs, onions, and other vegetables on top. In the early 1500s, travelers brought tomatoes to Europe from South America. Many people thought that tomatoes were dangerous to eat, but poor people in Naples, Italy tried them because they were hungry. They baked tomatoes and herbs on flat pieces of bread. By the 1600s, people were visiting the poor areas of Naples to try this dish.

What's your favourite type of pizza? My favourite type is Margherita.

Well, that's all for today. And I'll see you next time. Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 228

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.

I have some more good news from the world of science and nature here, which is always a little refreshing, and makes quite a nice change from the more morbid stuff.

So, take a listen:

Scientists say they have discovered a chameleon that may well be the smallest reptile on Earth. The miniature lizard is the size of a sunflower seed. A male and a female were discovered by a German-Madagascan expedition team in northern Madagascar. The male *Brookesia nana*, or "nano-chameleon", is 22 millimeters long from nose to tail, the Bavarian State Collection of Zoology in Munich said. Its body length minus the tail is just 13.5 millimeters. That makes it the smallest of all the roughly 11,500 known species of reptiles.

Wow! Only two centimeters long?! What a little cutie! I hope they were careful when they were handling it, though, because I would be so nervous about accidentally hurting it.

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