

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 257

Hi, everyone! Welcome back to Tomas!

Today, I will tell you a story about what I did last Sunday.

Me and my friend met at the Kunitachi station. We took a long walk and we took pictures of the cherry blossoms.

We bought sandwiches and we ate on the bench.

We walked very much. We were very tired, so we took the train back home.

I went to bed very early that evening.

So, this is all for today. See you next time!

Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 257

Hi, everyone! Welcome back to PR1 dictation!

Today I am going to talk to you about avocados.

Do you all know avocados? Of course you do!

They are dark on the outside and bright green on the inside. They grow in warm countries like Mexico.

But before that, did you know that avocados are actually fruits? Yeah, me neither!

It says that fruits have seeds inside and avocados do have seeds, so they are fruits.

Animals eat fruits and carry their seeds in their stomach.

In the past, there were big animals which could eat the seeds of avocados. However, [since] 13,000 years ago, those animals have all died.

Then, a group of people started growing avocados.

Now, there are about 500 types of avocados, out of which the Hass avocados are the most popular.

So, this is all for today. See you next time!

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Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.

Now speaking of safe, something potentially very unsafe happened recently and I'm sure some of you have already seen images of it, but take a listen to this:

A volcano erupted near Iceland's capital, Reykjavik, on March 19th, shooting lava high into the night sky after thousands of small earthquakes in the weeks before.

The eruption occurred near Fagradalsfjall, a mountain on the Reykjanes Peninsula, around 30km southwest of the capital. Some four hours after the initial eruption – the first on the peninsula since the 12th century – lava covered about 1 square kilometer, or nearly 200 soccer fields. More than 40,000 earthquakes have occurred on the peninsula in the past four weeks.

Oh, wow! That's a lot of earthquakes in such a short space of time. And we don't often see real-world examples of lava-based volcanic eruptions like the ones we see in movies and so, while a little scary, I'm sure this event was quite exciting to a lot of journalists, photographers, and drone pilots.

Well, guys, until next time – and as always – study hard, stay safe, and see you soon.