

**Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 260**

Hello, everyone! How are you doing?

Today, I want to tell you about Jen's weekly schedule. Let's begin:

On Monday, Jen eats cheese. On Tuesday, Jen meets her friend. On Wednesday, Jen reads her favourite book. On Thursday, Jen rides the train. On Friday, Jen sees a green snail. On Saturday, Jen sleeps in until ten. On Sunday, Jen goes out with the monkey, the donkey, and Tim the cat.

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

**Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 260**

Hi, everybody! Welcome to PR1 dictation challenge!

Thomas is about to take his end-of-semester biology examination. He has to study about different species of insects, such as butterflies and mosquitos. He has memorized many facts by heart, but he is worried because he has not had enough time to study hard for his topic. His parents are very strict and unless he gets a high score, they won't allow him to go to sports camp during the vacation. If he misses sports camp, he will be very disappointed because all the other members of his soccer team will be attending.

I will see you next time. Bye!

**Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 260**

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.

Now, one of the biggest questions still pondered by scientists, not to mention philosophers and theologians, is how life on Earth came to be – and where, indeed, it came from. We know that all life originated in the seas, but how did we get from rocks and water to living cells? Well, it looks like we might have new answers to this question, so take a listen:

Lightning strikes may have supplied primordial Earth with enough phosphorus to support the emergence of life, according to new research. Phosphorus is a vital building block of life as we know it, forming basic cell structures and the double helix shape of DNA and RNA. "Lightning strikes on early Earth may have provided a significant amount of reduced phosphorus," said Benjamin Hess, the study's lead author from Yale's Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences. Hess and his colleagues estimated that lightning strikes could have produced between 110 and 11,000 kilograms of phosphorus a year.

Huh. Well, that's an interesting theory, and certainly more believable than the idea that aliens came to Earth a billion years ago and planted the seeds of life like some kind of celestial pollinators... or is it? What do you think about the theories surrounding the origins of life on Earth? Let me know, okay?

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