

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 285

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior.

Today, I have a conversation [between two people who are] talking about how old they are and where they were born. Take a listen:

How old are you?

Actually, I just turned 24 last week.

When's your birthday?

It's January 30th. When's your birthday?

My birthday is December 25th.

Oh, on Christmas Day! Where were you born?

I was born in Osaka, Japan.

What's Osaka famous for?

It's famous for Takoyaki.

Hmm, well I was born in Okinawa. It's famous for its beautiful beaches.

Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 285

Hello, everyone! How are you doing?

Welcome back to PR1. Today, I have a text about the CANUSA games. Take a listen:

The CANUSA games is similar to the Olympic Games. It is an international sports event that is held every year. The two cities of Flint, Michigan, and Hamilton, Ontario, compete at many sports such as basketball and soccer. The name comes from the two host countries' names, Canada and USA. It started in 1958 in Flint. The next year, it was in Hamilton. Hundreds of athletes from the two countries do homestays with host families. At the beginning of the event, there is a parade and festival. At the end, there is an award ceremony. The CANUSA Games is an excellent experience for young people.

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

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 285

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.

I have some more dinosaur-related news for you today, which is always more light-hearted and more interesting than the gloomy political stuff – and, of course, more interesting to me on a personal level. So, take a listen to this:

Unlike its popular movie incarnations, *Tyrannosaurus rex* – the giant meat-eating dinosaur from the Cretaceous period – walked slower than previously thought, most likely ambling around at human walking speed, new Dutch research has found. Working with a three-dimensional computer model of “Trix”, a female *T. rex* skeleton at the Dutch Naturalis museum, researcher Pasha van Bijlert added computer reconstructions of muscles and ligaments to find that it's likely that the dinosaur's preferred speed was 4.61 kilometers an hour, close to the walking pace of humans and horses. The study was published April 21st in the *Royal Society Open Science* journal.

Ah, yes – I'd actually come across this research on the internet already, and read that it was something to do with the *T. rex*'s tail preventing it from running at high speeds due to the way it moved causing the animal to become unbalanced. Hmm, so I guess that famous scene in *Jurassic Park* with the *T. rex* chasing down the jeep is not quite realistic.

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