

**Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 287**

Hi, guys! Welcome back to PR Junior.

Today, we are starting a new story. This one is about Marley and baseball. Do you like baseball? Well, if you do, this story will be interesting. Let's start!

It was spring and Emma was going to her first baseball game.

"Come on, Marley!" said Daddy. "You can come, too!"

Okay! That was just the beginning. See you next time with the rest of the story. Bye!

**Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 287**

Hello, everyone! How are you doing?

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

The Ironman Triathlon is an event held across Hawaii's most popular island, Oahu. A person has to be able to swim for 2.4 miles, ride a bike for 112 miles, and run for 26.2 miles. This event started in 1978. There were 15 men, but only 12 of them finished. It is so difficult, so many beginners [give] up. An Australian, Craig Alexander, has the fastest time. He finished in about 8 hours in 2011. There are other Ironman competitions held around the world, but the Hawaii event is the most famous. The winner of the event is called the 'Ironman'.

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

**Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 287**

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.

I have some more nature-related news for you today, which sadly isn't all that positive, but still worth hearing, I think. So, take a listen to this:

Very little of today's world resembles planet Earth from 500 years ago. In fact, only about 3 percent of land surfaces might be ecologically intact – still home to their full range of native species and unblemished by human activity, according to new research. The finding – published April 15<sup>th</sup> in the journal *Frontiers in Forests and Global Change* – is far lower than previous estimates based on satellite images, which suggested around 20 percent to 40 percent of land ecosystems were undamaged. For the new study, however, scientists conducted an extensive survey of forest cover and species losses to understand better what was happening beneath the world's tree canopies.

Ah, yes – you see, even those areas that seem completely uninhabited by people have still been touched – and tainted – by the human race and its thirst for industrialization and financial gains. Let's just hope that those few remaining pockets of completely unaffected land remain that way.

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