

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 288

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior.

Today, I have two friends talking about staying up late at night. Let's begin:

Hi, Ben! You look sleepy.

Yeah, I was doing my homework for science class last night.

What time did you go to bed?

At 11pm. And I got up at six in the morning.

Wow. That means you only got seven hours of sleep.

I might take a nap during lunch today.

That sounds like a good idea.

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

Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 288

Hello, everyone! How are you doing?

Welcome back to PR1. Today, I have a text about SeaWorld. Take a listen:

Anyone that is interested in ocean life in America knows about SeaWorld. SeaWorld is a famous adventure park in the United States. The first SeaWorld started in 1964 in California. Now, there are SeaWorlds in two other states. Visitors can see sea animals such as turtles and whales in huge aquariums. Visitors can watch daily shows, too. In the shows, a clever animal like a dolphin does tricks. For example, they can use their noses to play with a toy or to hit a ball. Visitors who take a seat close to the water often get wet.

Well, have you ever been to an ocean adventure park?

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

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 288

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR2.

Today, I have a text about modern Druids. Take a listen:

Although traditionally the predominant religion in Britain has been Christianity, many people in the country adhere to other faiths. Most of these are mainstream religions, such as Islam or Buddhism, but there are also some people who are dedicated to more unusual ones. One of these is Druidism. Various Druid groups exist and they each profess somewhat different beliefs, but they all share the basic idea that nature is sacred. Every summer solstice, a procession of Druids, dressed in quaint ceremonial costumes, performs a ritual at the ancient stone circle called Stonehenge.

[The] original Druids were the priests of the Celts*, the people who lived in much of Europe before the rise of the Roman Empire. Most of our information about the ancient Druids comes from the Roman authors, who painted a dark picture of human sacrifice, but many modern scholars are skeptical of these accounts. Although some modern Druids claim descent from the ancient ones, their beliefs actually originated in the 18th century. The modern Druid affirmation of a harmonious nature reflects prevalent Romantic rather than ancient ideas.

Well, that's all for today, and come back next time for part two. Bye-bye!

* traditionally pronounced with a hard C, as in "Kelts"