

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 303

Hi, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior.

Today, we are going to talk about what can fly. Let's begin:

What can fly? A bird can fly. [An] airplane can fly. A fly can fly. A bat can fly. A butterfly can fly. A duck can fly. A bee can fly. But a bee can also sting. What else can fly?

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

Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 303

Hi, guys!

Welcome back to PR1 dictation. Let's start:

Truffles are one of the most expensive kinds of food in the world. They grow under the ground near the roots of some kinds of trees. They taste delicious, but they are quite difficult to find. White truffles grow in northern Italy and are the most expensive kind. They usually cost between 2,000 and 4,850 [U.S. dollars] for one kilogram. In December 2007, a man bought a 1.5 kilogram (of) white truffle from Italy for 330,000 dollars. It was the biggest and most expensive truffle in the world. Black truffles are also popular, but they are smaller and cheaper than white truffles.

Okay, that's all for today! See you next time.

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 303

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.

I have some rather sad news for you today that I actually came across a few days ago, but it might be new to you so prepare yourselves...

Eric Carle, author and illustrator of the beloved children's classic *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*, has died aged 91, according to a statement from his official Instagram account on May 26th. The book, first published in 1969, features a caterpillar that eats its way through many different foods on different days of the week before finally emerging as a butterfly. With its distinctive artwork and subtle educational concepts, the 224-word book has been translated into 66 languages and sold more than 50 million copies worldwide. Carle wrote and illustrated more than 70 books for young children, including *The Grouchy Ladybug*...

...and many others that we have here at the Kunitachi school. Mr. Carle was quite old and so I'm sure his death didn't come as a huge shock to most people, but it's still sad to see the passing of such an influential literary figure. His books must have been read by millions of children all over the world, but not only that – they helped me and countless others learn how to read, count, and identify various things about the world we live in.

So, Mr. Carle, thank you for the nostalgia and the education.