

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 306

Hi, everyone! Welcome back to Inter-Tomas.

Today, I am going to talk more about Eric.

They use the sail when it's windy. If it isn't windy, they row with the oars. They are sailing west towards the sunset. Eric is eating smoked fish for dinner. Yum! They sleep and eat on the deck.

Here's a fact: Vikings didn't have maps.

This is all for today! See you!

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Hey, guys! Nice to meet you! My name is Ali.

Have you guys ever heard of the word "drones" before? Hmm, I think that they are a little bit scary. And it seems like the French government thinks so, too. Have a listen:

Drones are very popular. Filmmakers use drones very often. They fly over natural places and cities, but one city [banned] drones. And that is the French capital, Paris. France has very strict drone laws so, therefore, drones cannot fly over Paris. People who do it pay a big fine. This is a big problem for drone pilots because they cannot work – therefore, they can't earn money. Officials say that drones are dangerous. A drone can hurt someone if it falls. And another problem is that drones are not safe. Some people can and do use drones to attack people.

Hmm, what do you guys think about this? Well, 'til next time. See you!

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Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.

One of the biggest and deadliest impacts that mankind has had on the natural world is deforestation. Not only does it destroy the habitats of many, often critically endangered animals, but it's also pretty bad for the environment, as cutting down a whole bunch of trees doesn't exactly help with the already high levels of carbon dioxide in the atmosphere. It's been a problem for a long time but, like hunting, it's often been defended on the basis of it being legal and necessary. But this new report suggests that that might not necessarily be the case. Take a listen:

The vast majority of deforestation in the Brazilian Amazon is illegal, researchers said May 17th. President Jair Bolsonaro vowed in April at a world climate summit to eliminate illegal deforestation by 2030. But almost no deforestation can be considered fully legal in Brazil, given that authorities are failing to adequately implement laws on tracking land that is cleared under permit, said the report, published by a group of university researchers and experts from environmental organisations, including the World Wide Fund for Nature in Brazil. The report found that 94% of deforestation in the Brazilian Amazon and surrounding Matopiba region is illegal.

Ah, yes, well hopefully this will help decrease some of the deforestation happening in the world.

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