

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 348

Hi everyone! Welcome back to InterTOMAS.

Today, I am going to talk to you more about Jiro.

Jiro and his father were talking at dinner. Jiro said "I want a new bicycle". My friend Akira has a very good one. His father said "No, you don't need a new bicycle". Your bicycle is not too old yet. Jiro knew that his father was right. But he wanted a new bicycle like Akira's

This is all for today.

See you next time!

Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 348

Hello there! Welcome back to PR1.

Do you like science? I think science is very interesting. Through science, we learn about the world. We can also live lives that are much more comfortable. Today, we have TVs, computers, cars, spaceships, DVD players and other such inventions. Who could have imagined a hundred years ago that we would be living like this? I like reading books about science. My favorite field is astronomy. I like to read about the creation of the universe. The universe is a very mysterious place. Science shows us this.

See you later.

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Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.

I have another news story here that is related to what is probably the most interesting topic a news story could possibly be about, which is – yes, that's right, you've guessed it – dinosaurs! Ha-haaa let's go...

Dinosaurs may have been in decline millions of years before the meteor strike often attributed to their extinction, according to research published June 29th examining the role played by changing climate. The Chicxulub meteor, which slammed into what is now Mexico's Yucatan peninsula around 66 million years ago, is thought to have led to the Cretaceous-Paleogene extinction event that killed off three-quarters of life on Earth – dinosaurs included. Now, new research published in the journal Nature suggests that a number of species of the lizards may have been declining up to 10 million years before the meteor strike.

Aha, well there you go! I suppose that makes sense because there are a number of reasons why today's animal species can dwindle in numbers, and I have heard that one of the largest contributors to the extinction of the dinosaurs was severe climate change that occurred both after and before the meteor strike. So, yeah, nothing really surprising here, but still rather interesting.

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