

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 356

Hi, guys! Welcome back to PR Junior.

This is part three of the “Past and the present”. Take a listen:

Homes had gardens to grow fruit and vegetables. People could pick apples and pears from their trees. They made bread at home. There were no microwave ovens then, and no freezers or refrigerators. Now we turn on a switch to get light and heat. Long ago, people had to light lamps at night.

That is all for today. See you next time. Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR 1 , 中級) No. 356

Hello, everyone! How are you?

Welcome back to PR1. Do you like English? Why do you think you need to study English?

Take a listen to this:

Do you know how many people speak English? About three hundred fifty million people speak English all around the world. English is an official language in many countries. In countries such as Japan and Korea, English is not an official language but everybody learns it in school as a second language. This is why English is often called the international language. English is very useful when you travel to other countries. For example, if you visit Germany, most people there won't understand Japanese, but almost everybody will understand simple English phrases like “I want this” or “Do you have eggs?” because they study English at school.

This is all for today! I'll see you in next video.

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Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.

It's been a while since I've brought you any news relating to the cosmos and mankind's inevitable journey across the stars and I've found a story here that might be quite interesting, so take a listen:

For the first time, scientists have clearly identified a ring of gas and dust circling a planet outside our solar system – a discovery that could help reveal how planets and moons are formed, a study showed July 22nd. The disc surrounds an exoplanet dubbed PDS 70c, one of two gas giants orbiting the star PDS 70, nearly 400 light-years from our solar system. The gas giants are about the same size and mass as Jupiter. Astronomers have known since 2006 that the star PDS 70 is surrounded by a very large ring of material. However, they could only guess there was a planet between the star and the ring because of limitations in observational equipment.

Ah! Well, that's quite interesting. You see all kinds of imagery of planets and stars and things in sci-fi stories set in space, and it's – to me – pretty exciting to think that all of those things that you could imagine could actually exist somewhere in the universe.

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