

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 365

Hey, guys!

Today, I will talk about my house.

My house is where my family lives. It is blue. There are four bedrooms. We have a kitchen and three bathrooms. Our family room is where we like to watch television together. When people come over, we eat in the dining room. We have a playroom in the basement. We have a swing in the backyard. I love my house.

How about your house?

See you!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 365

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR1.

Today, I have the last part of the story called The Friendly Ghost. Let's begin.

They knew it was a ghost. The ghost moved closer and yelled, "Go away!" again. The children became very scared and began to cry. The children ran a long distance away. The ghost followed them all the way. Finally, the children reached home. The ghost was very happy. The river had risen higher and higher and had become very dangerous. She had saved them from the rising water and led them home. Sometimes, meeting a ghost has advantages. A ghost can save your life!

Well, that's all for today. Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 365

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR2.

Today, we will be working on the remaining parts of *The Domestication of Cats*. Let's begin.

In the research, it was found that some 8,000 years ago, wildcats settled nearby or within early farming communities in the Fertile Crescent, which is the area that now includes countries such as Turkey, Egypt, and Iran. They were drawn by the rodents populating agricultural fields and the piles of waste created by human communities. Their exceptional hunting skills were ideal for reducing rodent infestations, a trait that made them popular with their human hosts. In this way, the first relationship between humans and cats was mutually beneficial.

The study also reveals that, surprisingly, modern cats have little genetic differences from their earlier, wild ancestors, aside from the superficial markings on domesticated cats, the stripes and blotches. In contrast, dogs were selected and bred to perform specified tasks. This process of human selection led to the extensive evolution and the [wide] diversification of dog breeds. This never happened to cats, who were considered perfect as they were when first domesticated.

All right, that is it for today. Thank you very much for coming today. Stay safe! And bye-bye!