

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 374

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PRJr.

Today, I want to talk about water and ice. Let's begin.

Ice is made of very cold water. Frost is made of ice. A glacier is a river made of ice. Hail is rain made of ice. An iceberg is made of ice. Snow is made of ice. An igloo is a house made of ice. A snowman is made of ice.

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

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 374

Today, I have a story called *The Best Prince*. Let's begin.

King Minos was very sick. His condition was getting worse. He had three sons. He loved them all. But, he had to announce who would become king. Two of the princes stood waiting outside the king's room. Theseus was the oldest and strongest. He thought his father would make him king. Pelias, the second son, thought differently. He was an expert with weapons. He thought the king would choose him.

'When I'm king,' Theseus told Pelias, 'I'll let you contribute to the defense of our country. You can lead the army.'

Pelias became angry. 'Father knows I'm famous for my sword skills. He'll make me King.'

Well, that's all for today and come back next time for part two. Bye, bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 374

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR2.

Today's topic is globalization. There will be three parts and today we are doing part one.

Let's begin:

Globalization is the process in which individual lives* and local communities are affected by economic and cultural forces that operate worldwide. In effect, it is the process of the world becoming a single place. Globalism is the perception of the world as a function or result of the processes of globalization upon local communities. The word "global" has had a rapid rise since the mid-1980s, up until which time the word "international" was preferred. The rise of the word "international" itself in the eighteenth century indicated the growing importance of territorial states in organizing social relations. It can be defined as an early consequence of the worldwide perspective of European imperialism. Similarly, the rapidly increasing interest in globalization reflects a changing organization of worldwide social relations. The nation has begun to have a decreasing importance as individuals and communities, gaining access to globally shared knowledge and culture, are affected by economic realities that come and go over the boundaries of the state. The basic structure of globalization is nationalism, on which the concept of internationalism is based. Globalization occurs when people in a national framework are affected by global economy and communication.

That's it for part one. See you in the next one.

* Plural of 'life' – /laivz/