

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 377

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PRJr.

Today, I want to talk about what is in the sky. Let's begin.

We can see one sun up in the sky. We can see one moon in the sky at night. You can see clouds up in the sky. You can see stars in the sky at night. We can see some birds flying in the sky. We can see some planes flying up in the sky. What can you see in the sky?

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

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 377

Hello, everyone. Today, we will be talking about *animes* and *otakus*. Let's begin.

Japanese anime is very popular all over the world, and many kids and adults enjoy it. Years ago when people heard the word "Japan," they thought of *ninjas*, cherry blossoms, and *samurais*, but these days they think of *Dragon Ball*, *Pokemon*, and *Totoro*. Japan's image abroad is rapidly changing because of these animation titles.

Have you ever heard the word "*otaku*?" An *otaku* is a person who likes anime and comics very much and collects many character items. Some of them even make simple animation movies and give their own ideas to animation companies. Several years ago, a lot of people thought *otakus* were strange and dangerous, but now they are playing a very important role of our culture.

OK. That is all for today. Thank you very much for watching, and see you next time. Bye bye.

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 377

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR2.

Today is part three of globalization. Let's begin.

The chief argument against globalization is that global culture and global economy did not spontaneously spring up but originated in the centers of capitalist power which still try to sustain their own economic system. According to this group, in short, the benefits of globalization vary too much from country to country.

Proponents of critical globalism take a disinterested view of the process, simply examining its processes and effects. Critical globalism refers to the critical engagement with globalization processes, neither blocking them out nor celebrating globalization. *Thus, while critical globalists see that globalization has often sustained poverty, *widened material inequalities, increased ecological degradation, sustained militarism, fragmented communities, marginalized minority groups, fed intolerance, and deepened crises of democracy, they also see that it has had a positive effect on the great rise of the average individual income since 1945, reducing the population in miserable poverty, increasing ecological consciousness, and facilitating disarmament.

Academically, globalization covers such disciplines as international relations, political geography, economics, sociology, communication studies, agricultural, ecological, and cultural studies.

That's all for part three.

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