

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 381

Hello, everyone!

Welcome back to PR Jr. Today, I have a story called The Hungry Dragon. Let's begin.

Deep in the mountains lived a dragon. Every hundred years he wakes up. He is very hungry.

"I want some breakfast," he said. He went down the mountain to the village. He saw a boy.

"Yum, a boy for breakfast!"

"Don't eat me!" said Sia. "I'll give you some food."

Oh, no!

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

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 381

Hey, guys! How's it going?

Today, I want to start a new story with you. It is a story that I read – or had read to me – when I was very young, and it's part of a little series of books about a little train called Ivor. Let's begin, shall we?

"TOOT, TOOT!" went Ivor's whistle as they rounded the bend above Llaniog. He wasn't whistling a warning. He wasn't whistling a signal. He was whistling for the joy of being alive and steaming. For the joy of seeing the cows in the fields and the sheep on the hills and the big wheel on the pit spinning in the sunshine.

So, there you go! That is the short but sweet introduction to our new story. And join me next time for the next part. See you, guys!

Dictation Contest (PR 2, 上級) No. 381

Hello everyone! Welcome back to PR 2.

As you may know, many animal species have been going extinct for the last few decades. There are various reasons to this phenomenon but one very prominent reason is poaching and smuggling of animals. Today, we will be taking a look at a specific example, illegal trade and African ivory and elephants. Let's begin.

In a move designed to save the African elephant from extinction, the trade in ivory was banned in 1989. Since then, nations participating in the trading ban have seen a steady rise in numbers. A recent study, however, shows that this is no time to relax. In fact, the study, led by Samuel Wasser of the University of Washington in Seattle, warns that the illegal trade in African ivory is rising alarmingly. Some experts fear that poaching could result in the extinction of certain regional elephant populations.

With the ban in place, smugglers now use satellite navigation equipment to coordinate the trade, avoid detection, and get the shipments across international borders. As a result, efforts to halt the trade are being hampered. "The smugglers just have more sophisticated technology than us," complained one park ranger.

Alright, that would be it for today. I felt very sad while reading this article. What did you guys think? Please let me know. Thank you very much for watching today, and I will see you guys in the next video. Bye, bye.