

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 389

Hi, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior.

This is part two of the story about the field trip. Let's continue:

Mrs. Benson found a toothbrush. "Whose toothbrush is this?" she asked.

"Oh dear," said Bill. "I think it's mine."

Mr. Green showed the boys their room. "You'll be sleeping in here," he said.

"I want the top bunk!" shouted Charlie.

"No, I want the top bunk!" shouted Will.

Mr. Green tossed a coin. "Heads or tails?" he said.

That is all for today. Thank you very much. Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 389

Hey, guys! How's it going?

So, last time in our new story, Ivor the Engine and his driver saw smoke coming from the top of a hill. Let's see what they find:

Jones fetched the big fire tongs and began to shift the stones. Under the stones he found something amazing: it was red hot and as big as a rugby ball. Very gingerly, Jones lifted it with the tongs and carried it down to Ivor.

"What do you reckon that is?" he asked, placing it gently on the footplate.

"TOOT!" Ivor didn't know.

"No, neither do I," replied Jones. "I reckon we had better take it up and show it to Mr. Dinwiddy. He's a gold miner. If anyone knows about rocks, he does."

So, they took the red hot object up to the gold mine.

Ah, so what do you think that object is? I guess we'll find out next time. See you, guys!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 389

Hello, everyone. Welcome back to PR2.

Today, we will be talking a little bit more about wind forecasting and electricity generation.

Let's begin.

Although the measurement technology for wind has been improved, estimating the power it generates is not as easy as estimating the power generated by conventional generation systems, such as fossil-fuel-based plants. To help enhance the precision of wind power estimates, there is currently a major push to better measure fluctuations in wind generations. With more detailed and frequent forecasts, expensive conventional plants can be temporarily shut down and thus save more costs, or utility companies can plan to sell excess power through the power grid.

Researchers are measuring wind speeds in the Columbia River Gorge, which holds one of the largest collections of wind farms in the world. Winds in the gorge are fast but extremely tricky to measure due to jagged mountains that create various [waves], voids, and warm or cold air pockets, all of which affect wind speeds. Researchers installed 100 devices in the gorge to better predict the various wind speeds and locations of irregularities. After a year of computer modeling of all collected data, there will be vastly improved forecasting of the wind and the electricity that is generated in the area.

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