

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 393

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Last time, I told you that I play the guitar, but that I don't play so much these days, which is a shame. When I do sit down to play guitar, I sometimes like to learn songs, or parts of songs, but I also like to improvise – which means I like to play around random chords and scales, and sometimes I create something new. I like to make up songs or riffs as well as learn them.

Do any of you write music? See you next time!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 393

Hello, welcome back to PR1.

Do you know what a pet police is? Let's find out.

Some people do not take good care of their pets. Some do not feed their pets enough so they become hungry. Others do not give their pets a proper place to sleep and the animals can get too hot or too cold. There are also people who actually hurt their pets. That is why the UK Government wants to create a special "pet police". They can go to people's homes to check that they are taking care of their pets properly. If they find someone treating an animal badly, they can take the animal away. People who hurt their pets can even go to jail. I hope more people will know to try to take better care [of] their pets.

Thank you very much for listening and see you next time. Bye-bye.

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 393

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR2.

Today, I'll be telling you about the danger that ugly animals are facing. Let's begin.

Large, cute, or magnificent-looking animals make the best “poster children” for the environmental movement – the pandas, gorillas, and tigers. However, so little effort is being extended to save the animals that are less attractive or even downright ugly, like the purple, pig-nose frog. Sure, such a funny looking frog will not win any beauty contests, but this frog represents the last of a group of amphibian species that appeared 120 million years ago, now threatened due to the clearing of forests.

Some key fundraisers for animal conservation focus on animals easy to love. Diogo Verissimo of Johns Hopkins University and Bob Smith of the University of Kent wanted to see if they could help save a wider variety of species from extinction. First, they measured the “appeal” of various animals by showing a random selection of species to 850 conservation supporters. The animals that scored higher were, naturally, those that were cute, larger, and more famous. The researchers compared these initial findings with the fundraising approaches of two major conservation charities, the WWF-US (The US branch of the World Wildlife Fund) and the EDGE of Existence.

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