

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 396

Hi! This is PR Junior.

This is an email from John. Listen to this:

Hi,

Tomorrow is our tennis match at the park. Will you bring your lunch? My mom is going to make a lot of egg sandwiches. Do you want one? Also, my dad will take us out for ice cream after the match. Can you come? Let's do our best!

John

See you later!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 396

Hello, everyone. Welcome back PR1.

Today, I will be reading you a writing that an American student wrote about his or her first trip to Japan. Let's begin.

I first went to Japan when I was twelve years old. Before I went to Japan, I didn't know the country very well. I had seen some samurai movies, so I thought people were still fighting with swords there. When my father told me that we were going to Japan for our vacation, I was a little bit scared.

When we arrived at Narita International Airport, I was very surprised that everything was modern. There were no samurais with swords, and people wore western clothes. We took a bus to downtown Tokyo. Everything I saw through the bus window was quite different from what I had expected. There were many concrete buildings and a lot of cars.

OK, that is all for today, and we will be working on the remaining parts in the next video. Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 396

Welcome back to PR2.

Today's topic is "Culture in our Society". Let's begin.

Culture is a set of shared ideals, values, and standards of behavior; it is the common element that allows the members of a society to correctly interpret each other's actions and gives meaning to their lives. Because they share a common culture, people can predict how others are most likely to behave in a certain circumstance and react accordingly. A group of people from different cultures, deserted on an uninhabited island for a period of time, might appear to become a sort of society. They would have a common interest – survival – and would develop techniques for living and working together. Each of the members of this group, however, would retain his or her own identity and cultural background, and the group would break up easily as soon as its members were rescued from the island. The group would have been merely a collection of individuals without a unified cultural identity. Society may be defined as a group of people who not only are dependent on each other for survival but also share a common culture. How these people depend upon each other can be seen in such things as their economic systems and their family relationships; moreover, members of society are held together by a sense of common identity.

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