

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 400

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior.

This is part six of the story about the fieldtrip. Let's begin!

The next day, the children did a beach study. Some children worked with Mr. Green. They made squares on the beach and looked at everything in each square. Bill found a shell with a crab inside it. "It's called a hermit crab," he said.

Have you seen a hermit crab? Anyways, that is all for today. See you next time! Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 400

Hi there! Welcome back to PR1.

This is an email that I got from my Australian friend, John. Take a listen to this.

Hi!

How are you? My parents say hello. We all miss you!

Guess what? Last month my mother got angry because my grades were bad! Now I know the reason, I needed glasses. I didn't know it but my eyes were bad. Two years ago, I went to the doctor, and he checked my eyes. He said they were fine but slowly it [has] become difficult to see things. I can still read books with no problem but I couldn't see the blackboard well. Now, I can see things much better with my new glasses. So from this month, I'm doing well in school. I take them off when I play volleyball.

Take care,

John.

I'll see you later.

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 400

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.

I have yet another news story for you here about yet another discovery of a prehistoric nature. And I know you're probably thinking "Uh, why does he always choose stories about prehistoric stuff? He must be obsessed!" But, well, what can I say? I guess dinosaurs and other ancient beasts are just more interesting, so here we go:

Chilean scientists have announced the discovery of the first-ever Southern Hemisphere remains of a type of Jurassic-era "winged lizard" known as a pterosaur. Fossils of the dinosaur, which lived some 160 million years ago in what is today the Atacama Desert, were unearthed in 2009. They have now been confirmed to be of a rhamphorhynchine pterosaur – the first such creature to be found in Gondwana, the prehistoric supercontinent that later formed the Southern Hemisphere landmasses. Researcher Jhonatan Alarcon of the University of Chile said the creatures had a wingspan of up to two meters, a long tail, and a pointed snout.

Ah, yes, I am familiar with the Rhamphorhynchus, and I think that – along with the Quetzalcoatlus and Dimorphodon – it's a shame that it doesn't get as much attention as the Pteranodon, the poster-boy of pterosaurs.

Alright, guys, well, until next time – and as always – study hard, stay safe, and I'll see you soon.