

**Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 413**

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Last week on the fifth of November people in England celebrated a special day called “Bonfire Night”. It’s not as popular as Christmas or even Halloween, but it’s a famous old tradition where people light big bonfires, set off fireworks and eat toffee apples and other sweets. The tradition comes from an event in English history, so they don’t celebrate “Bonfire night” in America.

Let me know if you want to know more about it, okay? See you guys!

**Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 413**

Hi guys! This is PR 1.

Why do you think learning English is important? Take a listen to this.

English is a language which is used by a lot of people all over the world. It is spoken in England, in Canada, in the USA, in Australia and in New Zealand. It is also spoken in other parts of the world. Only Chinese is spoken by more people. In some countries many different languages are spoken. In one country people have over ten languages. They speak one language in one part of the country and in another part of the country, they speak another. When two people from different parts of the country meet, they cannot understand each other. They don’t know both of the languages. How can people with different native languages understand each other? In such a case English is used.

See you later!

## Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 413

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR2.

Today we are going to learn about how the aristocracy used to dress back in 18th century Europe. For this video we're going to focus on women's fashion. Let's begin!

If you traveled back in time to the 1700s in Europe, you would laugh when you saw how the aristocracy dressed. Soon you'd realize, that the aristocrats of Europe were very serious about their appearance.

The predominant style in women's attire was enormous dresses. They were often three times larger than the wearer. Ladies even used pads to enlarge the appearance of their hips and shoulders. On the other extreme, the aristocratic women made their waists appear extremely thin. It took several maids stretching fabric and pulling straps in order to get a lady's waist to the proper thinness. These ladies could barely breathe and often fainted.

Pale skin was also a craze, yet this too was done in excess. One could not simply be pale. Instead, she needed to look as if she had anemia. In order to look paler, ladies actually cut themselves daily, so they would bleed.

The hairstyles, however, were the hallmark of women's fashion. These stood a meter high on the ladies' heads. The columns of hair were a ridiculous tangle of wigs, jewels, flowers, and even stuffed birds.

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