Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 415

Hi, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior.

Today, I want to tell you about Ben. Take a listen.

Ben had the comics section of the newspaper. That was the best part of the newspaper. He liked the drawings, but they were black and white. He colored the drawings with his crayons and showed them to his mom. "Those are beautiful colors," his mom said. "Someday you will be a famous painter."

Well, that's all for today and I'll see you in class. Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 415

Hello, everyone. Welcome back to PR1.

Today, I will be telling you about rainforests, or areas of tall trees and a high amount of rainfall. Let's begin.

In tropical rainforests, there are any kinds of animals and plants. These forests cover only 2 percent of the Earth's surface, but more than half of all plants and animals live there. Without the rainforests, these plants and animals will die. These plants and animals* are very useful for humans because we can make medicines for diseases from them. Also, plants can produce oxygen, which is essential for us to live.

Alright, that is all for today and we will be working on the remaining parts in the next video. Thank you very much for watching and see you next time. Bye-bye!

^{*} No animal found in rainforests can be used for any kind of actual medicine, besides antivenoms.

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 415

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.

I have another little piece of news out of the animal kingdom for you today because, well, let's be honest, animal related news is not always but usually more positive and interesting than all that political dross, so take a listen to this:

Scientists have discovered a new lizard species in Peru, the national conservation agency said September 28th. The new species, called Liolaemus warjantay, was found in the Peruvian Andes at an altitude of 4,500 meters, according to a statement from the National Service of Natural Areas Protected by the State. "A valuable contribution of Peru's protected natural areas to the world is the recent discovery of a new species of lizard," the statement said. The lizard's head is dark grey; the females have pale yellow eyelids. The Cotahuasi Subbasin Landscape reserve, where the lizard was found, is a protected area in southwestern Peru.

Oh, nice! With all the news we hear about many animal species becoming threatened or going completely extinct, it's nice to know that new ones are popping up now and again, too – especially, in my opinion at least, when they're these cool, little lizards! Alright, guys, well, until next time – and as always – study hard, stay safe, and I'll see you soon.