

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 419

Hi everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior.

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

"What will happen to the seagull?" asked Will. "Its feathers will be damaged," said Mrs. West. "So first, we'll clean the oil off. Then, we'll look after it for a week or two. It has to get strong again and its feathers have to get better. Then, we'll let it go."

That is all for today. Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 419

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR 1.

Today, I will tell you about Europeans traveling to US again. Let's begin.

After more than 600 days, the US opened to travelers from Europe. Passengers across Europe crowded into airports, and they were happy that they would finally meet relatives, do business, or simply enjoy a vacation.

Data shows that hotel and flight reservations already reached 70% of the levels before the COVID-19 pandemic started. Unfortunately, the number of COVID-19 cases is also increasing across Europe, so it is possible that Europeans will not be able to travel again.

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

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 419

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR2.

Today, I have a text called, 'The effects of immigrant workers'. Take a listen.

In all advanced countries the number of workers who have immigrated into these countries in search of a better livelihood has dramatically increased. This has made immigration a touchy political issue in many societies. On the one hand, businesses welcome the cheap labour. On the other hand, many people reckon that immigrants are to blame for falling wages and the growing unemployment rate in domestic workers. Some politicians play up this idea, provoking governments to impose stricter controls on immigration. However, economists who have studied the issue warns against such a hasty conclusion. In fact, there is no evidence that immigrant workers depress wages or cause domestic workers to be laid off. In many cases, they actually cause wages to rise.

One reason is because immigrant workers have a positive effect on the economy as a whole due to their cheap labour. They allow companies to produce products cheaper and have a greater profit margin. When these profits are invested, the result is economic expansion and greater prosperity. This in turn causes average earnings to rise. Nevertheless, people may benefit from cheaper labour, but what about the unqualified workers who usually compete with immigrants for jobs? Surely, they are displaced by cheaper workers and become unemployed

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