

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 422

Hey guys! How are you doing?

Last time, I told a bit about thanksgiving.

I don't know so much about it, but it apparently happens later this month on November 25th.

My American friends here in Tokyo usually get together and have a nice meal and sometimes

I get invited too, even though I'm English.

I might join them in Thanksgiving this year, but it might be difficult if it's on a weekday.

Hmm... Have any of you celebrated thanksgiving?

See you next time, guys!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 422

Hello everyone! How are you?! Welcome to PR1.

The Japanese government introduced a mandatory fee of between three and five yen for each plastic bag. Like this, there are a lot of things we do to help protect the earth, but why do you think we need to protect our environment? Take a listen to this!

Human beings need food, water and air, which are necessary for survival. People cannot live without food to eat, and oxygen to breathe. When it is cold they need heat, clothes, and places to live. The environment provides these needs. People use the land and oceans for food. The atmosphere, which is the air around the Earth, contains oxygen. Energy for heat comes from petroleum, trees or the sun.

I'll see you in the next one. Bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 422

Hi everyone! Welcome back to PR2.

I have the second half of the text about the North Star. Let's see what else we can find out about it!

To those who sail at night, volatile storms and dark clouds were more than nuisances. They could disrupt entire journeys by blocking the view of Polaris. A captain could err and make an inadvertent wrong turn. The ship could become stranded at sea, and the frantic captain would have no way to improvise to get the ship back on the right course. The mariner's fears wouldn't be soothed until the clouds cleared and Polaris came back into view. Even today, sailors sometimes opt to navigate by using Polaris on clear nights. It's not difficult to differentiate Polaris from other stars. The Big Dipper, a constellation that is well known in astrology, appears to revolve around Polaris. The handle of the Big Dipper always points to the North Star. When people get lost, it's comforting to know that their problems can be alleviated by looking at the sky.

Can you imagine being stranded at sea not having an idea where you are? No wonder people figured out they could find their way by looking at the sky. Humanity never ceases to amaze me!

I hope you liked the text and learned something new. Stay tuned for more content like this! Bye-bye!