

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 423

Hi, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior.

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

Mrs. West looked after all kinds of animals. She showed the children an otter. Then she gave it some fish. "She's a sea otter," she said. "I call her Jane. She was hurt by a boat. Now she's better. I'm going to let her go."

That is all for today. See you next time. Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 423

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR 1.

Today, I will tell you about the North and South Korea conflict. Let's begin.

The war between North and South Korea ended in 1953, but officially, it never ended. In 1953, South Korean officials did not agree to sign a deal which would end the war. The countries never fought again, but the two Koreas stayed apart. Now, Moon Jae-in, South Korea's president, wants to end the conflict before his presidency ends in 2022. In September, Moon spoke to the United Nations, and he repeated that he wanted to officially end the conflict. North Korean officials said that a deal was possible, but the deal was not easy to make.

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

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 423

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.

Well, it's that time again for some more prehistoric-related news – this time featuring our favourite friends, the dinosaurs! So, take a listen:

A vast trove of fossils unearthed in Argentina's southern Patagonia region is offering the oldest-known evidence that some dinosaurs thrived in a complex and well-organised herd structure, with adults caring for the young and sharing a communal nesting ground. Scientists said on October 21st the fossils include more than 100 dinosaur eggs and the bones of about 80 juveniles and adults of a Jurassic Period plant-eating species called *Mussaurus patagonicus*, including 20 remarkably complete skeletons. The animals experienced a mass-death event, probably caused by a drought, and their bodies were subsequently buried by wind-blown dust, the researchers said.

Ah yes, I think this theory that dinosaurs lived in herds has been around for a long time because I remember hearing about it when I was young. And in the film *Jurassic Park*, released in 1993, Dr. Alan Grant says, upon seeing real living dinosaurs for the first time, "They do live in herds." And in *The Lost World*, Dr. Sarah Harding sets out to prove that even the T-Rex cared for its young, so there you go! Of course those are just movies, but I think a lot of the ideas were based on real dinosaur facts or theories. Alright, guys, well, until next time – and as always – study hard, stay safe, and I'll see you soon.