

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 441

Hello, everyone!

Today, I will be talking about Sam the cat and his camping story. This is part two of the camping story. Let's start.

Mom and Sam went into the garden. They pulled back the tent flaps. Sam peered inside tent. Two sets of eyes peered back.

"Say hello to Simon and Paul," said Sam's mom. "They will be camping here tonight!"

Sam felt his whiskers wobble with fright.

"Mom," whispered Sam. "I don't like Simon."

"You might like him better, if you spent some time together," said Sam's mom. "You'll see. Everything will be just right."

That is it for today. See you!

Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 441

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR1!

In the previous video I talked about the Loch Ness Monster. Today, I'm going to read the second half of the passage, which is about Bigfoot. Let's begin!

Bigfoot is one of the names given to a mysterious ape-like creature. Many people all over the world claim they have seen Bigfoot. Some people have photographed it. They say it is tall (two to three meters in height) and hairy. Some scientists say that Bigfoot is very shy of humans and has learned to hide in deep forests. Like the Loch Ness Monster, there is not much proof to show that Bigfoot is a real creature.

Have you ever seen mysterious creatures like that? Let me know in the next PR class! For now, this is all for today. See you!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 441

Hello! Welcome to PR2.

Today's text is about the characteristics of geniuses. Let's get started!

Scientists have long been interested in the question "what makes geniuses?" with theories attempting to answer it going as far back as ancient Greece. Stanford University psychologist Lewis Terman thought he came up with the definitive measurement system when he developed the IQ test. Over time, he and a team of researchers tracked over 1,500 schoolchildren with IQs above 140 to see what they would achieve in life. Scores above 140 were considered either 'genius' or near-genius. What they discovered was not quite what they expected when they looked at this group. Some of the subjects, nicknamed Termites, became successful doctors, professors, scientists, and the like, but none of them became renowned. Moreover, others struggled in their career or simply failed. Several dozen even failed to complete university. On the other hand, several students who scored too low on the IQ test to be included in Terman's study did become renowned in their fields, including two that won Nobel Prizes in physics.

There have also been some famous intelligent people in history whose genius was not accurately measured or identified by any tangible scale of their times. Charles Darwin, Thomas Edison, and even Albert Einstein were viewed as lacking mental proficiency when they were students.

So, what do you think makes someone a genius? What do you think geniuses have in common?

This is it for today. Thank you for watching. See you next time!