

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 449

Hello! Let's find out what happened to Fluffy!

Fluffy was staring at some cows, which were staring back at him, when suddenly a rabbit came hopping across the field. Fluffy began to chase the rabbit, which ran as fast as it could to get away. He was getting closer and closer, when it suddenly disappeared into a hole in the ground.

What do you think happened to Fluffy this time? Let's find out next time! See you later!
Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 449

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR1.

Today I'm going to be reading a text about the first discoverer of America. Let's begin!

Christopher Columbus's discovery of America is an example of how the "first" discoverer is not always the one people acknowledge.

Columbus was an Italian sailor and cartographer. In 1492 he sailed from Spain with three ships. He traveled west across the ocean to find a new route to Asia for buying and selling goods. After two months at sea, Columbus and his men reached The Bahamas – he discovered America. Many Europeans then traveled across the Atlantic Ocean to make new settlements in America. America became known as the "New World".

Come back again to listen to the second half of the text. See you next time!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 449

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.

I have some more dinosaur-related news for you here, which I know you all absolutely love, so take a listen to this:

Remains of a toothless, two-legged dinosaur species that lived some 70 million years ago have been discovered in Brazil, researchers said November 18th, calling them a “very rare” find. The small dinosaur, which measured about a meter long and 80 centimeters tall, is a theropod, a group whose members were almost all believed to be carnivores. But puzzlingly, the new species – dubbed *Berthasaura leopoldinae* – has a beak-like mouth with no teeth. The researchers published their findings in the journal *Nature*, calling the discovery “one of the most complete dinosaurs found from the Cretaceous Period in Brazil.”

Huh. Now, I was very surprised and intrigued when I first started reading this story because I imagined a typical theropod skull with just gums and no teeth at all, like the dragon Toothless from *How to Train Your Dragon*. But I was a bit less surprised when I read the part about the dinosaur having a beak, because I'm sure I've seen images of other dinosaurs with beak-like mouths instead of reptile jaws. But I don't know – maybe those dinosaurs also had teeth inside their beaks. Who knows? Either way, still pretty interesting.

Alright, guys, well, until next time – and as always – study hard, stay safe, and I'll see you soon.