

**Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 453**

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior.

Today, I have a story called, 'April's Month'. Take a listen.

There was a nice little girl. Her name was April.

One day, April asked her parents why she was called April. Her mother answered that she was called April because she was born in April. The little girl was very happy to hear that. She liked her name.

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

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Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR1.

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

However, Columbus was not the first European to arrive in America. Almost 500 years earlier, a young Viking explorer named Leif Eriksson traveled west from Greenland, looking for new lands he had heard about. Greenlanders' Saga, a story written about Eriksson's adventures, tells how he found a rocky land. He also saw forests and white sandy beaches. He made a settlement on an island, which he named Vinland – Land of Vines. His old settlement has been found on the island of Newfoundland in Canada.

Even though Columbus found America much later than Eriksson, he is still credited with the discovery.

I hope you enjoyed today's text. See you next time!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 453

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.

I have some more news here related to the film industry and there's a very brief mention of something that I'm particularly interested in, so see if you can spot it!

Musical *West Side Story*, sci-fi epic *Dune*, and *King Richard*, the biopic about the father of tennis champions Serena and Venus Williams, were among the top ten movies of 2021 as chosen on December 8<sup>th</sup> by the American Film Institute. The list, which is not ranked, gives an early glimpse into likely frontrunners for the annual Oscars next year. The films were chosen for their cultural and artistic significance. It also includes global warming satire *Don't Look Up*, coming-of-age tale *Licorice Pizza*, musical *Tick, tick...Boom!*, thriller *Nightmare Alley*, and drama *The Power of the Dog*. Nominations for the Oscars will be announced on February 8<sup>th</sup>.

So, did you catch it? Yes, the word 'pizza' is mentioned in this story, but more than that, my attention was caught by the mention of the movie, *Dune*. Now, I could probably make several videos about this topic alone, so I'll simply say that if you haven't seen the movie, *Dune* yet, and— well, it's already too late to see it at the cinemas, which is the best way to see it. If you can watch it on a nice screen with good sound, then you definitely should. Alright, guys, well, until next time – and as always – study hard, stay safe, and I'll see you soon.