

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 457

Hi, everyone! Welcome to PR Junior.

Remember that Fluffy's owners were looking for him?

All their family and friends helped them to hunt for the missing puppy. Tom made sure that Buddy stayed safely at home. "Don't you get lost too," he said. But Buddy was very unhappy about being left at home because he wanted to help find Fluffy.

What do you think Buddy is going to do? That's it for today. See you next time!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 457

Hello, everyone. Welcome back to PR1.

Today, I will tell you about instinctive and learned behaviors. Let's begin.

An instinctive behavior is inherited: you're born with it. In contrast, a learned behavior is developed from experience. Although humans and some animals do inherit an instinct to learn, the content of their learning is determined by their experience. Instinctive behavior does not change; it stays the same even when circumstances change. Birds migrate in the winter months even when the weather stays warm. But learned behavior is more flexible. Humans don't hibernate in winter, and most humans don't change where they live seasonally.

All right, that is all for today. We will continue in the next video, so don't forget to come back for more. Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 457

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.

Now, I have a news story here for you that might be equal-parts interesting and concerning, so take a little listen to this:

Avast! Pirates are invading Tampa – again. On January 29th, the city on Florida's Gulf Coast will be filled with people attending the Gasparilla Parade of Pirates. The parade and other events celebrate the Gulf Coast's pirate lore. It's like a miniature Mardi Gras but with eye patches and funny hats!

"Everyone is ready to get back to it," said Peter Lackman, the captain of parade organisers Ye Mystic Krewe of Gasparilla. "We've all been waiting for it."

It will be the 106th parade. The first was in 1904. It starts with a mock invasion, then turns into a parade, with costumes, gunboats, and all manner of piraty things. The 2021 parade was cancelled because of the pandemic. The parade draws as many as 300,000 people – and a lot of plastic beads. City officials are asking people not to throw the beads into the bay, where they can harm the sea life.

Huh. A giant pirate party does sound pretty fun, but I can't help but feel like this is altogether a terrible idea. I mean, this kind of thing is probably pretty bothersome at the best of times, but considering Florida had one of the worst handlings of the coronavirus pandemic, and has some of the worst statistics regarding cases and deaths, this just feels a bit irresponsible, considering we're still very much in that pandemic. But, hey, who am I to spoil people's fun?

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