

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 463

Hi, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior.

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

Suddenly, Charlie and Will ran up to Mr. Green.

"There's a boat coming to the island," said Charlie. "There are four people in it."

"I don't like the sound of this," said Mr. Green.

"Keep out of sight, everyone," said Mrs. West. "I want to see what these people are doing."

That is all for today. Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 463

Hello, everyone! How are you?

Welcome to PR 1. What animal do you like? Today, I'll read an article about koalas. Listen to this:

Everyone agrees that Koalas are cute, but how much do we really know about them? "Koala" is an Australian* word which means "animal that does not drink water." Koalas don't drink because they get all the water they need by eating the leaves of eucalyptus trees. Koalas sleep in the daytime and move around only at night, so no one knows how many koalas live in Australia. Koalas spend most of their lives in eucalyptus trees, but over two hundred years, people have cut down many of those trees to build houses or make farms. In fact, 80 percent of the koalas' living area has disappeared.

I'll see you next time!

* *indigenous* Australian word, so an aboriginal word.

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 463

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.

Now, I have a news story here that I thought might pop up sooner or later, as I've already seen it floating around the internet, and so if you haven't heard it already, now it's your turn to learn. Take a listen to this:

Scientists on December 21st announced the discovery of an exquisitely preserved dinosaur embryo from at least 66 million years ago that was preparing to hatch from its egg just like a chicken. The fossil was discovered in Ganzhou, southern China, and belonged to a toothless theropod dinosaur, or oviraptorosaur.

"It is one of the best dinosaur embryos ever found in history," University of Birmingham researcher Fion Waisum Ma, who co-authored the paper about it in the journal *iScience*, told AFP. The dinosaur's head lay below its body, with the feet on either side and back curled – a posture that was previously unseen in dinosaurs.

There you go! Now, I know I always choose dinosaur-related news and I always talk about how exciting and interesting it is, but this is actually really big news within the paleontological community. Hopefully we get more discoveries like this soon!

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