

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 466

Hello, everyone. Welcome back to PR Junior.

This is part six of the story about Daisy and Ted's day. Let's begin.

"Go away! Go away!" cried Daisy, flapping her hands.

"Stay still," said Joey. "Then it won't sting you."

Daisy did what Joey said and the bee buzzed off.

"You're safe now, Daisy," said Joey.

OK. That is all for today. We will continue in the next video, and see you next time. Bye-bye!

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Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR1.

Today, we are going to talk about earthquakes. Let's begin!

Earthquakes are sudden movements of the earth's surface that can sometimes have catastrophic effects. During an earthquake, the ground begins to shake violently. An earthquake can cause buildings to fall down and the ground to open up. It can start floods, fires and landslides. It can also cause a tsunami – a very large ocean wave that flows over the coast and destroys everything.

What causes earthquakes? The earth's surface is broken up into large sections called tectonic plates. The plates meet and rub against each other along lines called faults. This rubbing puts a lot of stress on the plates. The plates finally slip against each other, causing the earth's surface to move.

Thank you for listening and I will see you next time! Bye-bye!

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR2.

Today, I have a text called, 'Organic Panic'. Take a listen.

A report on organic food released by the UK's Food Standards Agency is causing considerable debate. The report, the largest of its line to date, failed to find evidence that organic vegetables, meat and dairy products are nutritionally superior to conventionally produced food. As might be expected, organic farmers who have been promoting the benefits of organic food have expressed their anger at the report.

Interestingly, the report does indicate that particular nutrients, including flavonoids and beta carotene, appear more in organic food than in nonorganic food, but the authors dismissed the idea that these nutrients influence overall health. However, the report has also been criticized for failing to consider the effects of chemicals that remain on conventionally farmed food. The FSA scientists responded by stating that their task was to look specifically at nutrition, and that the [issue] of chemicals was beyond the scope of their study.

Another study is critical of the British government. The writer believes that if there were proof of organic farming's benefits, the government would then be put under pressure to make organic food available for everyone. This would require providing financial support to organic farmers.

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