

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 478

Hello, everyone!

Today, I will be talking about Sam's music lesson. This is part three of the story. Let's start.

"I can't sing," said Sam.

"Can you Meow?" asked his teacher.

"I forget how to meow," said Sam.

"Can you hum?" asked his teacher.

"I even forget how to hum," said Sam.

"That's okay, Sam," said Mrs. Wendy, the teacher. "I will help you sing. We will all help you sing!"

This is it for today. See you!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 478

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR1.

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

People around the world enjoy playing games. Games are a way for people to compete using both skill and luck. One of the most common types of game is the board game, which is any game played on a board that uses dice and counters.

Possibly the oldest example of a board game is Senet. This game comes from ancient Egypt and its name is believed to mean "passage". It was played from as early as 3,500 B.C. and was popular with kings and nobles. Although the actual rules of Senet are still a mystery, it is thought that it was a kind of race using lucky dice rolls to move pieces across the board.

That is all for today! See you next time!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 478

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR2.

Today, I would like to tell you about a mysterious stone circle in the Amazon. Let's get started.

Farmer Lailson Camelo da Silva was clearing a forest to make way for farmland when he stumbled across a towering megalithic stone circle, which became known as the Rego Grande site. Carbon dating dates it back to some one thousand years ago. This stone circle, along with other discoveries of settlements, complex road networks, and massive carvings, is overturning earlier beliefs. Historians had formerly argued that the Amazon had been sparsely populated by primitive nomadic tribes. It is now believed that the Amazon once had a thriving population of up to 10 million people, who later were killed by European conquest and by diseases spread by European colonists.

Researchers dug up the site and found burial containers suggesting that parts of it were used for a cemetery. More surprisingly, they discovered among the massive granite blocks several specially placed stones. With these stones, they came to the conclusion that the circle was used for astronomical purposes. According to then, these perfectly positioned stones could have been used to keep track of the sun's movements, especially the solstice. It likely served ceremonial functions related to hunting and agricultural cycles.

So, that would be it for today. Thank you for watching, and see you next time. Bye-bye!