

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 483

Hi! This is PR Junior.

What can we do on the weekend?

Let's go on a picnic! It'll be sunny on Saturday.

Sounds good! Oh, wait a minute. I have a volleyball game on Saturday.

That's too bad. Wait... I have a volleyball game, too!

That's because we play for the same volleyball team! How about Sunday?

Sure! Let's do it on Sunday!

I will bring some sandwiches.

Great! I'll bring some grapes. I can't wait!

See you later!

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Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR1.

This is the second half of the text about board games. Let's begin!

Modern board games are similar to Senet in some ways, but have different purposes. In Monopoly, players move around the board to buy properties using play money.

Monopoly is very popular with families all over the world. Players need to roll a dice to move around the board, and if they land on another player's property, they need to pay rent. If they land on a property without an owner, they can buy it.

Over the years, different versions of Monopoly have appeared. There is a special version for younger players. There are also versions in different themes, such as the Disney Monopoly and Star Wars Monopoly.

That is all for today! See you next time!

Hello, everyone. Welcome back to PR2.

Today, we will discuss the question whether or not life can jump between planets a little further. Let's begin right away.

Panspermia becomes more plausible when planets or moons are located near other planets or moons. For this reason, scientists are excited about a solar system called TRAPPIST1, which is located 39 light years away from Earth. In this system, seven Earth-sized planets are packed within an area that is 20 times smaller than the distance between Earth and Mars. Such a tight grouping would increase the likelihood of panspermia several thousand times over the likelihood of life passing between Earth and Mars. Three of the planets in the TRAPPIST1 grouping lie within the habitable zone, where life is most likely to occur. The remaining four are temperate, which means that they may be warm enough to support life if they had the proper internal temperatures and atmospheric conditions. "In a single planetary system like TRAPPIST1, the interchange of bacterial life is almost inevitable," says Chandra Wickramasinghe of the University of Buckingham.

Skeptics cite an obvious paradox that casts doubt on panspermia. The challenges organisms would have to endure would weed out all but the toughest of organisms. This process of natural selection would lead to the creation of super-organisms that should be able to thrive almost anywhere. However, researchers have not found any evidence that such organisms exist within our own solar system.

So, that would be all for this topic, and see you next time. Bye-bye!