

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 489

Hello, everyone!

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

Sam looked at Shawn. Shawn was brave. He was a mouse in a room full of cats.

Sam could be brave, too. Same opened his mouth again.

"Laaa," sang Sam. The note was loud. It was long. And it was very, very flat. The cats on the mat went wild.

This is it for today. See you!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 489

Hi, everyone! Welcome back to PR1.

How would you like to live in the world's highest apartment? Move into Q1, a building on the Gold Coast in Queensland in Australia. At 323 meters high, Q1 is the tallest fully residential building in the world. The building's design was based on the Sydney Opera House and the Olympic torch at the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games.

If you would like to spend a night in the world's tallest hotel, go to Burj Al Arab in Dubai in the United Arab Emirates. Shaped like a huge sail, the hotel is 321 meters high. The sail design was used to make the building look like a dhow – a type of Arabian ship. The design resulted in a special cloth-covered [atrium] lobby that is 180 meters high.

That is all for today! Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 489

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR2.

In the last video, I told you about a mysterious stone circle in the Amazon. To refresh your memory, just in case you forgot, it is a [1000-year-old] site that consists of humungous rocks forming a circle. Some researchers are arguing that it served astronomical and ceremonial purposes. So today, let's take a look at what other researchers think about it. Let's begin.

One of the tallest stones appeared to be perfectly lined up with the sun's course during the winter solstice. Other researchers, however, remain skeptical. Cultural astronomer Jarita Holbrook at the University of the Western Cape in South Africa warns against jumping to conclusions about what the stones mean. "We've seen a lot of similar claims," Holbrook says. "But it takes more than a circle of standing stones to get to a Stonehenge."

Researchers are still working to piece together the puzzle of the Amazon's obscure history.

So, that would be all for this topic. What do you think the stones really were for? If you have an idea, please tell me in class. Thank you for watching today, and see you next time. Bye-bye!