

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 491

Hi! Welcome to PR Junior!

I read a story about a humpback whale last time. This is the next part:

A few hours later, five men arrived to help. From their boat, they looked at the whale. They saw fishing nets everywhere. The fishing nets were around the whale's body, around its tail, and in its mouth. "We have to go into the water," said the man. "We have to cut the fishing nets."

See you!

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Hi guys!

In this video, we will continue on [with] the rocky shore report. Let's get started.

The teachers and parents take photographs of each thing the children find. When they leave, they make sure everything is left exactly the way they found it. Back at school, the children write reports about their visit. Each year, they look forward to returning to the rocky shore. But one year, the children were disappointed. They noticed that there were not many crabs and shellfish in the tide pools, and it was hard to find any little fish swimming around. They counted a few starfish, but no one could find an octopus. Everyone was worried because the water in the pools was cloudy instead of clear.

What do you think happened? Let's find out next time! Bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 491

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.

I have a news story here relating to literally the only smartphone game that I play, and I think a lot of you already know what that is. Take a listen:

Two U.S. police officers who went off to hunt for pokémon instead of responding to a robbery have been fired. Officers Lozano and Mitchell cruised the streets searching for fantastic creatures in the augmented reality smartphone game Pokémon GO, documents show, bagging monsters but no criminals. In-car recording of their conversation revealed that they had heard the call for help at a Los Angeles department store, but decided instead to drive off. Officer Mitchell alerted Lozano that Snorlax had “just popped up”, legal documents relating to their dismissal show. For approximately the next twenty minutes, the recording captured petitioners discussing Pokémon as they drove to different locations, where the virtual creatures apparently appeared on their mobile phones.

Huh. Now, this story strikes me as odd, not only because it sounds more like something you would read five years ago, but also because the idea that you can know when a pokémon is appearing somewhere far from you doesn't really apply anymore. There used to be ways of knowing exactly where and when certain pokémon would appear and disappear, but the third-party apps that allowed this have all been shut down, as far as I know. So, I don't know exactly what they were doing, but it apparently wasn't police work. Alright, guys, well, until next time – and as always – study hard, stay safe, and I'll see you soon.