

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 495

Hi, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior.

This is part twenty-six of the story about the fieldtrip. Let's begin!

The police took the people off the island.

"Taking their boat was a brilliant idea," said Mr. Green.

"I'm glad we caught them," said Mrs. West.

"And I'm glad you were with me. I couldn't have taken their boat by myself. "

That is all for today. Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 495

Hello, everyone! Welcome to PR1.

No one knows for sure just how old kites are. But we know that they were used a long time ago. Greek stories tell of kites four centuries before Christ. In Korean legend, they were used in the war. It is said that a general put a light on a kite and it looked like a new star to his army. The star was a sign of good luck from the heavens. Twenty-five centuries ago, kites were well known in China. Probably, these first kites were made of wood, or they were covered with silk because silk was in use at that time. About five centuries later, the Chinese learned how to make paper from vegetables. This was used as a cover for early kites, too.

See you later!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 495

Hello, everyone. Welcome back to PR2.

Today, I would like to tell you about the return of Syrian Armenians to their homeland. Let's begin right away.

The civil war in Syria has forced 5 million citizens to flee to other countries, many of whom are making the long, dangerous trek to Europe. However, about 30,000 Syrian Armenians escaping from the fighting took other routes and returned to Armenia. Most Syrian Armenians are descendants of Christian refugees who had fled Armenia in 1915, when their country was overrun by the Ottoman Turks. They were given refuge in Syria. Therefore, returning to Armenia when they were fleeing war seemed natural, as it was their ancient homeland, mainly Christian, and safe.

The Armenian government welcomed the refugees openly, since Armenia's population has been dropping, from 3.6 million in 1991 to 3 million today, mostly due to emigration. Moreover, the refugees were middle class and well-educated. In Syria, they were professionals, such as doctors, engineers, and businessmen. Others were skilled artisans. Overall, since their arrival, there has been a boost in the economy.

So, that would be all for today, and we will be working on the remaining parts in the next video. Thank you for watching, and see you next time. Bye-bye!