

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 511

Hi, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior.

This is the last part of the story about the fieldtrip. Let's begin!

A photographer came. She made everyone stand in a group. Then she took a photograph.

"We are going to be in the newspaper," said Will. "We are going to be famous."

"I've never been famous before," said Charlie. "I wonder what it feels like."

That is all for today. Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 511

Hello! Welcome back.

This is the last part of the rocky shore report story. Let's see how the story ends.

Some magazines published the photographs and the sad story about the empty pools. Soon, everybody understood the rules of the sea. Nobody wanted the rocky shore to be spoiled, so everyone learned how to take care of it. It did not take long for the seaweed to grow again. Then little fish returned to the pools, and more shellfish grew there. The next summer, the little children had a much happier visit to the shore. They sent out a new report saying that the water was clean again, with no rubbish on the beach.

That's a very happy ending, don't you think so? Alright, this is the end of this story. So, see you next time. Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 511

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.

I have a news story here relating to an issue that I've talked about a few times before, particularly in terms of Japan's approach to it. So, take a listen to this:

Three in four people worldwide want single-use plastics to be banned as soon as possible, according to a poll released February 22nd as United Nations members prepare to begin talks on a global treaty to rein in soaring plastic pollution. The percentage of people calling for a ban is up from 71 percent in 2019, while those who said they favored products with less plastic packaging rose to 82 percent from 75 percent, according to the IPSOS poll of more than 20,000 people across 28 countries. The biggest support in the poll for banning single-use plastic came from countries like Colombia, Mexico, and India – developing countries at the sharp end of a waste crisis.

Ah, yeah, so I wonder where Japan fits into all of this. I think the situation has improved a little bit, but I'm still seeing lots of unnecessary single-use plastic everywhere here, compared to other places. You know, in the supermarkets, fruit-and-vegetable is individually wrapped, [we have] smallish bags of candy or snacks that contain individually wrapped pieces, and small, individual salads that contain not one but three different items that are individually wrapped in plastic within the main container. So, still a long way to go, I think.

Alright, guys, well, until next time – and as always – study hard, stay safe, and I'll see you soon.