

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 515

Hello everyone! How are you? Welcome back to PR junior!

Can you take a look at my math homework? I just can't understand question eight.

Let's see. Oh yes! I can help you. Thanks a lot. I'll help you with science later. I don't need any help. I've already finished it. You finished it? Can I take a look? No way! Please? OK, I can't show you my answers, but I can help you if you want me to. Thanks!

This is all for today. I will see you soon!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 515

Hello everyone! Welcome back to PR 1.

Today, we are going to learn about magicians, and their magic tricks. Let's begin.

Magicians perform magic tricks to show something impossible has happened. There are many kinds of magic tricks. One kind of magic trick is called production. To do this, a magician produces something from nothing. Examples include pulling a rabbit from an empty hat, filling an empty bucket with coins, or even the magician himself appearing in a puff of smoke. A magician is holding a coin. He might snap his fingers, and the coin suddenly disappears. This trick is an example of vanishing, which is the opposite of production.

That is all for today. Come back next time to learn about vanishing, and other magical tricks. Bye bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 515

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.

I have another news story here relating to ancient history, but this time, sadly, not that of the dinosaurs, but us humans. Take a listen to this:

Archaeologists have discovered a Stone Age site dating back to 7,000 B.C. in a remote desert in Jordan, with structures that show humans were rounding up and hunting gazelles much earlier than previously thought. The team found converging long stone walls several kilometers long, which were used to trap the gazelles in a confined area where they could be hunted more easily. The team also found over 250 artefacts at the site, including animal figurines that may have been used in rituals to involve supernatural forces for successful hunts. The objects are some of the oldest artistic pieces ever found in the Middle East.

Huh! Well, there you go! It's always exciting when we discover artefacts and other well-preserved things from thousands of years ago. And I wonder if the figurine mentioned here was actually used for spiritualistic or ceremonial purposes as the article suggests, and not just as a toy. I mean, I'm sure people back then had toys and even ornaments and models as we do now.

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