

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 517

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior.

This is part one of the story about the Litter King. Let's begin!

Will and Lora's mum and dad took some of the children for a picnic. They went to a place called Black Horse Hill.

It was a warm summer day and there wasn't a cloud in the sky.

It was a perfect day for a picnic in the country.

That is all for today. See you!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 517

Hi! Welcome back to PR1.

Have you ever been to a lake before? Was the water salty? This is an article about one of the salty lakes. Take a listen to this!

One of my most interesting experiences was swimming in the Great Salt Lake. The lake covers an area larger than the state of Rhode Island. The surprising fact is that although the lake is far from any ocean, and although it gets its water from rivers which have so little salt as to taste sweet, the lake is about six times as salty as the ocean. For a while, I floated around, but soon I wanted to stand. Then, I was surprised. I couldn't stand on the bottom! The brine was very heavy and holding me up.

This is all for today. Bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 517

Hello! Welcome to PR2!

Today's text is about AI, or artificial intelligence. Let's begin!

An area of much interest in recent years is that referred to as artificial intelligence, often shortened simply to "AI". The objectives of AI are to imitate by means of machines, normally electronic ones, as much of human mental activity as possible, and perhaps eventually to improve upon human abilities in these respects. There is interest in the results of AI from at least four directions. In particular, there is the study of robotics. Robotics is concerned with the practical requirements of industry for mechanical devices which can perform "intelligent" tasks – tasks which are so complicated that they have previously demanded human intervention or control. Those mechanical devices are expected to perform these tasks with a speed and reliability beyond any human capabilities, or under unfavorable conditions where human life could be at risk.

Also of interest commercially, as well as generally, is the development of expert systems, according to which the essential knowledge of an entire profession, such as medical or legal, is intended to be coded into a computer package! It is possible that the experience of these professions might actually be replaced by such packages? What do you think? Let me know in class!

This is it for today's movie. See you next time. Bye-bye!