

**Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 526**

Hi, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior.

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

"This is a great picnic," said Bill. "These sandwiches are really good."

"And this is a great place on a day like this," said Lora. "I can see for miles."

"You can see even more from the top of the hill," said Lora's dad.

That is all for today. See you next time!

**Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 526**

Hello, everyone! Welcome to PR 1.

Today, we are going to talk about polar bears turning to cannibalism due to human disturbance. Let's begin.

Russian scientists have found an increasing number of polar bears killing and eating one another in the arctic. The reason for the increased incidents of cannibalism among polar bears may be due to melting ice and human activity eroding their habitat. Due to these factors, there is insufficient food such that larger males attack smaller females with cubs. The area where the polar bears used to hunt is now a busy route for ships carrying liquefied natural gas. Other hunting grounds for the polar bear now only have broken ice all year round due to the active gas extraction near their hunting grounds. Furthermore, as ice melts due to climate change, more polar bears would move away from their traditional hunting grounds.

This is it for today. See you!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 526

Hello! Welcome to PR2!

Today's movie is about language in Switzerland. Let's get started!

Switzerland has a language problem. The trouble is not a shortage of tongues, for the Swiss have four of their own. Some 65% speak one variety or another of Swiss-German, 18% speak French, 10% speak Italian, and nearly 1% speak one of the four Romansh dialects used in languages of the many immigrant workers. The problem is that many Swiss parents, not to mention businessman who want to talk to colleagues abroad, would like more Swiss children to go out into the world with a better command of English.

At the moment, English is officially taught for only one or two years before the school-leaving age of 16. Changing such practice is never easy in Switzerland. There is no national ministry of education. The 26 cantons are independent in cultural and educational affairs. So 26 education ministers have to meet in order to decide on parliaments. That is why it took Switzerland more than 20 years to introduce teaching in a second national language (German or French) at the age of 11 instead of 14. This time, however, one canton, deciding it had waited long enough, has broken the deadlock.

Let's learn more about this canton in the next movie. That's all for today. See you next time. Bye-bye!