

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 528

Hello, everyone! Welcome to PR Junior.

Today, I will be telling you a story about Mark and his aunt. This is part four of the story. Let's begin.

Mark's aunts told everyone they were on their way south. They had stopped to visit until the first snowfall. The aunts sat down on the couch.

"Mark, could you make some tea?" said Aunt Pat.

"With toast," said Aunt Dot.

"And jam," said Aunt Flo.

This is it for today. See you!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 528

Hi! This is PR 1.

The girl was looking carefully at him and she noticed that he picked up two black stones and put them into his bag. Then, the money lender said to the girl, "Now, pick up one of the stones."

Imagine that you're standing on the path in the merchant's garden. What would you do if you were the girl?

The girl put her hand into the bag and took out the stone. Without looking at it, she dropped it on the path. The stone was lost among the other stones.

"Oh, I'm sorry! How careless I am," she said. "But it's alright. If you look into the bag, you will be able to tell which stone I took by the colour of the one that is left."

See you later!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 528

Hello! Welcome to PR2.

Today's movie is about the disappearance of species! Let's begin.

It is hard to believe or indeed even to understand but it is a fact that almost 90 percent of all species that have existed up until now have disappeared. Norman Myers elaborates this basic point to give an approximate historical sense of the rate at which species have become extinct. Quite simply, from 1600 to 1900 human beings eliminated some seventy-five known species, mostly mammals and birds. Since 1900 to the present day, they have eliminated another seventy-five. Between 1600 and 1900 the rate of disappearance was approximately one species every four years. In the present century, the rate has been approximately one species every year. Humans cannot be held totally responsible, however, for many of these species disappeared well before Homo sapiens appeared on the planet.

Although Myers concluded his analysis in 1979, the process that he describes is undoubtedly continuing, for, as he himself said, there are currently over a thousand animal forms that may soon disappear from the Earth. In many parts of the world, concern is certainly expressed about this, but just as few animals can be recognized by the public, perhaps even fewer of these thousand forms could be named and identified.

Alright, that's all for today. Let's finish this text in the next movie. Bye-bye!