

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 531

Hello! Welcome to PR Junior.

Today's story is called *Baby Whale's Mistake*. Let's get started!

All the whales in the family loved Baby Whale. As he grew older, the big whales showed him how to jump high and dive deep down in the sea. He learned how to blow big waterspouts when he came to the top. As he breathed out, he could blow a spray of water!

Alright, this is for today. See you next time. Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 531

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR1!

Today, I'm going to read an old news article. Let's begin!

A volcanic eruption in Iceland has sent ash across northern Europe. Airlines have canceled or diverted flights across the Atlantic Ocean.

Grimsvotn is one of the largest and most active volcanoes in Europe. What makes it different is that it lies under a huge glacier of ice up to 12 meters thick. The hot volcano causes the ice above it to melt, which then creates a layer of water between the glacier and the volcano. This layer of water puts pressure on the volcano, keeping it stable.

Sometimes this water overflows. As the water flows out from under the glacier, the pressure lifts. The lava from the volcano then comes up to the surface. This is exactly what happened today.

That is all for today! Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 531

Hello! Welcome back to PR2!

This is the second part of the text about the disappearance of species. Let's get started.

The giant panda is recognized internationally as an endangered animal, and many might recognize that the white rhino and the Sumatran rhino are dying out, but the critical situation of the crested ibis is likely to attract the attention of few but the specialist.

Concern for conservation is a cultural fact and must be understood as such, but within cultures the focus of concern is highly selective. A question we could well ask is: if it is important to conserve species, why is it that many individuals who might well support the ideals of conservation also support the attempt to destroy certain species such as the Norway rat, the tsetse fly, or the malaria-carrying mosquito? Quite simply, why don't these particular creatures also have the right to exist? Part of the explanation, of course, lies in the fact that such creatures do not bring about any sympathetic emotional reaction in people, and in these particular cases they are seen as causing harm to human beings. But the question remains: why is it that conservationists choose to preserve only part of an ecosystem?

What do you think is the answer to this question? Let's end our text about the disappearance of species here. See you in the next movie! Bye-bye!