

**Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 557**

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior.

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

The children wanted to play cricket, so they had a game before they went home.

Freddie tried to join in, but he couldn't because his paw was too sore.

"Poor old Freddie!" said Bill. "Just his luck to step on some broken glass!"

That is all for today. See you next time!

**Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 557**

Hello everyone! Welcome back to PR 1.

Today, I have a news article about Johnny Depp. Take a listen.

Amber Heard was the wife of American actor Johnny Depp. Six years ago, she wrote for the Washington Post that Depp abused her.

Last week, a 50-million-dollar trial started in Virginia, and Depp spoke that he never hit his ex-wife or anyone. He said that Heard only wanted to damage his reputation, which already happened, since people behaved differently towards him.

Heard's lawyers said that the actor often drank and did drugs too much. Depp's lawyers said that Heard accused Depp of domestic violence only because she wanted to get money from him, to become more popular, and to damage his reputation as an actor.

That's all for today. Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 557

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.

Now, when talking with students about our favourite animals, or about what we're scared of, I often mention that I actually really like snakes – as well as lizards, crocodiles, and alligators, which are, of course, all reptiles. Now, I think it's more common to like cute, fluffy animals – and I do, too – but since I was young, I've always been more interested in reptiles. So, this news article here is a little bit concerning. Take a listen:

About a fifth of reptile species – from the Galapagos tortoise to the Komodo dragon of the Indonesian islands, and West Africa's rhinoceros viper to India's gharial – are threatened with extinction, researchers said on April 27<sup>th</sup> in the first comprehensive global status assessment for reptiles. The study examined 10,196 reptile species including turtles, crocodilians, lizards, snakes, and the tuatara, the only surviving member of a lineage dating back more than 200 million years. They found that 21% of species are critically endangered, endangered, or vulnerable to extinction as defined by the International Union for Conservation of Nature.

Ah, yeah, I'm usually pleased to see my favourite animal, the Komodo dragon, get a special mention, but, of course, in this case, that's not so positive. Hopefully, we can find a way to save all these reptile species, eh?

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