

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 579

Hello, everyone! Welcome to PR Junior.

Today, I will be talking about llama facts. Let's begin!

Llamas roll in dust. Rolling keeps itchy bugs away and fluffs up their coats. Fluffy hair feels cool in the summer and warm in the winter. Llamas like being together, but they do not talk much. Mostly, they are calm and quiet animals. Sometimes they click or gurgle, and they hum to say, "I'm happy."

This is it for today. See you!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 579

Hello everyone! Welcome back to PR1.

Do you like cola? In today's video, I am going to talk about the history of the fizzy drink that everyone loves. Let's go.

John Pemberton, a pharmacist from Georgia, invented the original Coca-Cola formula in a three-legged brass kettle in his backyard! The soft drink was first sold as a medicine in a chemist's on 8th May, 1886. Dr. Pemberton sold about 9 servings each day. He made about \$50 in the first year, but unfortunately, it cost him about \$70 to make the cola! In 1887, a businessperson bought the formula and by 1900, sales had risen by over 4000%. Coca-Cola remains the most famous soft drink in the world, but its exact ingredients are still a trade secret!

That is all for today. Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 579

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.

I have a story here that's already pretty old news, but I think it's very exciting, so take a listen to this:

An international team of astronomers on May 12th unveiled the first image of a supermassive black hole at the centre of our own Milky Way galaxy, a cosmic body known as Sagittarius A. The image, produced by a global team of scientists, is the first direct visual confirmation of the presence of this invisible object and comes three years after the very first image of a black hole from a distant galaxy. Black holes are regions of space where the pull of gravity is so intense that nothing can escape it – including light. The image depicts not the black hole itself, but the glowing gas that encircles the phenomenon in a bright ring of bending light.

Ah, yeah, now I'm sure some of you will have already seen the image in question, and I think many people were perhaps a bit underwhelmed or disappointed – maybe because we were expecting the kind of amazing cosmic imagery that we've seen in various movies and other artists' renditions. The actual image that was shared didn't look quite as impressive as that, but it is clear visual evidence of something that we always knew was there but could never actually show, and I think that's pretty incredible.

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