

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 588

Hello, everyone! Welcome to PR Junior.

This is another video about llama facts. Let's begin!

Llamas are louder when they are unhappy. They growl or squeal to say, "I don't like that!" Angry llamas lay their ears flat and spit at each other. Llamas sleep on the ground in open spaces. They like being able to wake up and see all around them. They sleep with their heads up and their legs folded under them. This is called 'cushing'.

This is it for today. See you!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 588

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR 1.

Today, I have a news article about bombs in Ukraine. Take a listen.

In Ukraine, special teams search playgrounds, fields, streets, and homes for unexploded bombs and mines. The teams have found 85,000 bombs so far.

Ukrainian soldiers placed some of them when they tried to stop Russian soldiers. Russian soldiers place other bombs.

Some of them are very dangerous. Some are cluster bombs. A cluster bomb is a bomb full of many smaller bombs. The big bomb can hurt people who are hundreds of meters away.

Experts say that the work can take decades to clear the bombs, and they can have an impact on millions of people.

Well, that's all for today and I'll see you in class. Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 588

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.

Now, I have some news here that is very, very important. Possibly the most important piece of news that I've ever read – and certainly that I've ever shared with you – so... prepare yourselves and take a listen to this:

Your cat may not seem to be listening to you, but it's now believed that they recognize the names of their feline friends and maybe your name as well, according to a recent study by Japanese researchers. Dogs have been known to follow human speech to some degree, but it had not been scientifically clear whether cats have a grasp of human languages. In the first study of its kind, scientists from Kyoto University, Azabu University in Kanagawa prefecture, and other institutions have proposed that cats learn to associate names with certain objects. The research was published in *Scientific Reports* in April.

Huh. Now, you may be wondering why that news is so important but... well, let me tell you. I've always known that I could talk to cats; that they could understand me. I've always known that my cat could not only recognize my face and my voice, but could recognize their own name! And my name! And the names of my family members! And the names of my closest friends who would come to visit! And the names of their favorite foods and their favorite movies! And the lyrics of their favorite songs that we used to sing together! And so this research now proves after all this time that I'm not crazy!

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