

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 590

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Last time I asked you how you keep cool on really hot days.

Do you carry around a small fan? Do you carry a cool cloth or towel to wipe your face and neck? I don't do either of those things. I sometimes buy a cold can of drink and put it against my forehead. And, of course, I sometimes buy an ice cream. When I'm at home, I just turn my air conditioner all the way up. It's very expensive.

See you guys!

Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 590

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR1!

Today, you are going to hear about the bad week which John had. Let's begin!

Last week was a bad week for me, right from the start. I overslept on Monday morning and was late for school. Because I was late, I missed the teacher explaining what we needed to do for our test on Wednesday. Of course, on Wednesday, I didn't know what the test was about and I got a very low score. On Thursday night, when my mom saw my test score, she was really angry. I wasn't allowed to go out with my friends over the weekend. Today, I feel sad when I hear my friends talking about how much fun they had.

Have you ever had a bad week? What do you do to feel better in such situations? Please think about this and share it with me the next time we see each other!

I'll see you then! Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2, 上級) No. 590

Hello! Welcome back to PR2.

Today's text is about the arrival of a very unusual animal in England, brought from Australia. Let's begin!

In 1800, a stuffed animal arrived in England from the newly discovered continent of Australia. The continent had already been the source of plants and animals never seen before – but this one was ridiculous. It was nearly two feet long, and had fur-covered skin. It also had a flat rubber-like bill, a piece of skin between its toes, a broad flat tail, and a spur on each hind leg that was clearly intended to produce poison. What's more, under the tail was a single opening.

Zoologists stared at the thing in disbelief. Hair like a mammal! Bill and feet like an aquatic or water bird! Poison spurs like a snake! A single opening in the rear as though it laid eggs!

There was an explosion of anger. The thing was a joke. Some unfunny joker in Australia, taking advantage of the distance and strangeness of the continent, had stitched together parts of widely different creatures and was intent on making fools of innocent zoologists in England. Yet, the skin seemed to fit together. There were no signs of artificial joining. Was it or was it not fake?

So, what do you think this was all about? Let's find out in the next movie. Bye-bye!