

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 595

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior.

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

"Welcome to my kingdom," said the Litter King. "You can start work right away."

"Star work?" gasped Charlie. "What do you mean?"

"Your job is to help me spread litter and junk everywhere. There are still plenty of pretty places to spoil."

That is all for today. Come back next time to hear the rest of the story! Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 595

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR 1!

Today, I am going to talk about the "First Ice Pop".

Do you like ice pops? A young boy made the first ice pop in 1905. One cold night, Frank was making soda water outside. He mixed soda powder and water in a cup. He was mixing the soda with a straw when he heard his mother.

"Come inside, Frank," she said. Frank forgot to take his cup with him. In the morning, he saw the cup. The soda was frozen. He pulled the frozen soda out of the cup. It was an ice pop!

What flavor of ice pop do you like the best? Please try making one of your favorite flavor!

That's all for today! Stay healthy and see you in the next video!

Dictation Contest (PR2, 上級) No. 595

Hello! Welcome back to PR2.

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

The discussion went on heatedly for decades. Even the name emphasized the ways in which it didn't seem like a mammal despite its hair. One early name was *Platypus anatinus*, which is Latin for "flat-foot, duck-like". Unfortunately, the term "platypus" had already been applied to a type of beetle and there could be no duplications in scientific names. It therefore received another name: *ornithorhynchus paradoxus*, which means "bird-beak, paradoxical".

Slowly, however, zoologists had to reach an agreement and admit that the creature was real and not a fake, however upsetting it might be to zoological notions. For one thing, there were increasingly reliable reports from people in Australia who caught glimpses of the creature alive. The *paradoxus* was dropped and the scientific name is now *ornithorhynchus anatinus*.

To the general public, however, it is the "duck-billed platypus", or even just the duckbill, the queerest mammal (assuming it's a mammal) in the world.

It wasn't until the twentieth century, however, that the intimate life of the duckbill came to be known. It is an aquatic animal, living in Australian fresh water at a wide variety of temperatures.

Alright, that's all for today! See you next time! Bye-bye!