

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 598

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior.

Hi, Faland! Which do you eat more often – rice or bread?

I eat rice more often than bread. In Thailand we have rice with every meal. What about you?

Oh, yes! I love Thai food very much. In Bulgaria we eat bread more often than rice, and we also eat it with every meal!

That is so interesting!

This was the end of the video. See you next time!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 598

Hello! This is PR 1. Let's start!

This is my first visit to Turkey. It's a wonderful place. The people are friendly and the meals are delicious. Farmers here grow many different crops. They grow a lot of wheat and the bread in Turkey is really good. In central Anatolia, the land is almost flat, and the weather is usually warm and dry – it's a good place to grow crops. High up in the mountains of eastern Turkey, farmers keep animals since they can't grow crops. Today, I'm visiting the coast of the Mediterranean Sea in southern Turkey. The weather here is hot and humid, but the fish and seafood are excellent.

Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 598

Hello, Everyone! Welcome back to PR 2.

Today, I have more about typing versus handwriting notes. Take a listen:

In this experiment, students who took their notes by hand and had been given the time to study outperformed everyone else. Paper-note takers, in fact, scored higher on the quiz than laptop note takers, whether or not they studied. What's more, if someone typed out every word in their notes, then studying seemed more likely to lower the results of their quiz.

In other words, typing on a laptop seems to lead to word-for-word notetaking, which can make it tough to study well. And even warning students ~~to~~ not to take word-for-word notes with their laptops proves unsuccessful.

"We don't write by hand as fast as we type these days, but students who were typing just tended to type out larger parts of the lecture content word-for-word," Jill said. "Those who were taking notes on the laptops didn't have to be careful with what they write down."

She thinks this might be the key to their findings. There might be something special about writing things down. That initial decision-making leads to long-term comprehension. However, the increasing use of electronic devices in the classroom shows no sign of slowing down.

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