

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 611

Hi, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior.

This is part eleven of the story about the undersea adventure. Let's go.

"Where are we heading?" shouted Bruno. "Will we dive deep?"

"No, you can't go to sleep." said Professor Beetle.

"You're the crew! You have to stay awake! We are going to dive deep."

"This thing scares me," said Jean.

The submarine went deeper and deeper.

What do you think is in the deep sea? That is all for today. Bye!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 611

Welcome back to PR1! Let's continue our story on Kyoko and Jennifer.

Jennifer said, "Kyoko, chocolate rolls are your favorite."

Kyoko said, "This is the best I've ever had."

Mr. Takeda said, "I'm happy to hear that." He also said the most important thing was to be cheerful and kind to customers and make them happy. Kyoko thought that would be easy. At nine o'clock, the bakery opened. Kyoko opened the door. There were some people shopping at stores across the street. The owners of the stores were talking to customers in cheerful voices. After a while, the first customer came into the bakery. Kyoko suddenly became nervous. Soon she learned that talking to customers is different from talking to friends.

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

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 611

Hello! Welcome to PR2!

Today we will talk about the history of chocolate.

The History of Chocolate.

Many people believe that chocolate originally came from Europe. However, chocolate, called the "food of the gods," was first made in the Americas. The first chocolate was very different from contemporary chocolate. The Mayan and the Aztec cultures both thought that chocolate trees were brought from paradise by gods. The Mayans and the Aztecs used the beans from this divine tree to create a special beverage with a very pleasant odor. In the 1500s, the Spanish explorer Cortes met the Aztecs. Cortes became quite interested in the plantations where the Aztecs cultivated chocolate trees. When he returned to Europe, he took the cacao beans with him. He introduced the people of Spain to the Aztecs' chocolate beverage.

Over the next 100 years or so, kings, queens, and members of the upper class enjoyed drinking chocolate. They enjoyed it even more once they learned to add sugar to the beverage! Soon, chocolate had spread all across Europe. New machines allowed chocolate makers to perfect their products and produce them at a very rapid rate. The beans were combined with condensed milk to give the chocolate a smooth texture.

Today, contemporary chocolates with subtle flavors fill the shelves of expensive chocolate shops. The different types of chocolate available today vary widely. True chocolate lovers can tell which is the best, though. They will tell you that the flavor of high quality chocolate stays on the palate long after you finish it.

That's all for today! See you next time!