

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 625

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior.

This is part twenty-one of the story about the Litter King. Let's begin!

The Litter King watched Charlie.

"Come on! Come on!" he shouted.

"I want this park to look like a complete mess."

Charlie wanted to throw all his litter in a bin, but he was afraid of the Litter King.

"This is an awful adventure," he thought.

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

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 625

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR1.

Today, we will continue reading the passage about Life on a Deserted Island Let's begin.

They were taking a badly damaged boat from the Virgin Islands to Miami to have it repaired. During the journey, their boat began to sink, so they loaded a small rubber dinghy* with food and rowed for a few miles until they reached the island. There were hardly any trees on the island and there was no water. Nevertheless, they were able to survive quite comfortably. The men collected rainwater in the rubber dinghy. As they had brought a spear gun with them, they had plenty to eat. In fact, they caught lobsters and fish and "ate like kings." When a passing tanker rescued them, both men were really sorry that they had to leave.

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

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 625

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.

I have some news here– well, not really news, more just information, really, about what I think is one of the coolest and cutest animals alive today. Take a listen to this:

The name “pangolin” is taken from a Malay word meaning “to roll up.” This is because pangolins roll up into a ball, covering their heads with their legs, to defend themselves from predators. After a pangolin rolls up into a ball, it can use the sharp scales on its tail to defend itself. It can also spray a noxious spray like a skunk does. When a pangolin curls into a tight ball, its hard scales stop lions and other predators from biting it. The pangolin’s sharp scales cut the insides of predators’ mouths. However, these scales are useless as a defense against humans. Once a pangolin rolls up into a ball, it is very easy for poachers to simply pick it up. All eight species of pangolin are endangered. Even worse, pangolins are one of the most trafficked animals in the world. They are sought after in China and Vietnam for their meat and for their scales.

Yeah, it’s really sad that the pangolin is poached so heavily. I mean, over the years, I’ve come to terms with the fact that not all forms of hunting are inherently bad, but poaching is still pretty inexcusable – especially when it’s for such bogus, unnecessary reasons as “rare delicacies” or supposed “medicinal purposes” which are never backed up by science. Hopefully we can put a stop to this fairly soon.

Alright, guys, well, until next time – and as always – study hard, stay safe, and I’ll see you soon.