

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 627

Hi, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior.

Today I will talk about koalas.

Koalas are mammals. Mothers carry their young in a small pouch for the first six months of their lives. Koalas can climb and swim very well. They have got thick, grey fur and a big, black nose. They've also got very sharp claws. Koalas live and sleep in the tops of eucalyptus trees in eastern Australia. They live alone and eat eucalyptus leaves. Koalas live for about fifteen years.

That's all for today. Bye!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 627

Hello, everyone. Welcome back to PR1.

Today, we are going to read a story about the Cat and the Fox. Let's begin.

One day, a cat hiked on a mountain. When he reached the peak, he met a fox. They began talking about how they get away from their enemies.

"I am very smart. I have billions [of] ideas. I can carve a tiny hole in a tree, and then climb in," the fox said. He added, "I have a lot of friends. If I am in trouble, I can call them to lend their help. I can escape an entire army if I have to!"

Then, the fox asked, "What are your potential plans?"

The cat said, "I have only one plan."

The fox said, "I hope you have good fortune, then!"

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

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 602

Hello! Welcome back to PR2.

Today's movie is about a village in India that became a popular travel destination, and the problems it faced as a result of the growing tourism in the area. Let's get started!

Until recently, Kovalam, a small fishing village in India's Kerala state, could not keep up with its rising popularity. Attracted by clean beaches, friendly people and a relaxed way of life, visitors from as far away as Europe began coming in large numbers to the region in the mid-1960s. Over the next two decades, investors rushed in to meet the demand, building row upon row of new hotels, restaurants and souvenir shops. But in 1993 the tourism stream began to slow. By 2000, the number of tourists had decreased by 40 percent.

Travel experts ruled out the economic factors and shifting tourist tastes, finally explaining the decline as one caused by the community's waste management problems. Like many popular destinations in the developing world, Kovalam has no formal plan to deal with the growing levels of garbage generated by tourists. Hotels and other facilities collect recyclable items, such as glass, paper and metal scraps, for reuse by local industries whenever possible. The less desirable items, such as plastic bottles or even uneaten food, simply pile up in towering mounds or are dumped into nearby streams, posing the risk of serious diseases.

Let's stop here and continue in the next movie. See you later!