

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 631

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior.
Let's see what happened to the three little pigs!

It was a good house with a chimney. It looked like it could withstand the strongest winds. The next day, a wolf happened to pass by the lane where the little pigs lived and he saw the straw house, and he smelled the pig inside. He thought the pig would make a good meal. So he knocked on the door and said, "Little pig! Little pig! Let me in! Let me in!"

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

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 631

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR1!
Today, you are going to listen to the second half of the text about the bridge of tomorrow.
Let's begin!

People are now saying that it is time to connect the continents again. To do this, a huge bridge would need to be built. Of course, it would not be easy. The bridge would take a long time to build and cost billions of dollars. It would need to be strong to withstand icebergs and winter winds. Also, it would probably be usable during the summer months. But the bridge would be very special. People would be able to travel easily from one side of the world to the other. Trade would increase, and people could learn about other cultures more easily. For these reasons, this bridge would be called the Intercontinental Peace Bridge.

That was all for today. I hope you enjoyed the text, and I will see you next time! Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 631

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.

I have another news story here relating to wildlife, but sadly it doesn't have much of a cute or interesting or remotely positive angle. Take a listen to this:

The world's wildlife may be in more trouble than scientists have so far reported, new research published in the journal *Communications Biology* on August 4th suggests. While scientists have assessed the status of more than 147,000 plants and animals, there are thousands of species considered too data deficient for a full assessment. As a result, those species haven't been included in the listing of Threatened or Endangered Species updated each year by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature. Among those under-assessed species are the killer whale, along with the pink fairy armadillo of Argentina and nearly 200 bat species worldwide.

Ah yeah, that is quite troubling, isn't it? I mean, it's fair to assume that we can't accurately assess the status of all species on Earth, so on one hand it might not be all that surprising, but on the other hand it's still quite alarming to now that the situation is even worse than we originally thought. Although it is absolutely the responsibility of big corporations and the fossil fuels industry, I guess we all still need to do what we can to help limit the effects of climate change.

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