

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 634

Hello, everyone! Welcome to PR Junior.

Today, I will be reading about a new doughnut shop. This is around Eiken level four. Let's begin:

This week, a new doughnut shop opened in Ben's town. On Saturday, Ben and his friend Kanon went there to get doughnuts. When they arrived, there was a long line of about fifty people. They had to wait for one hour.

This is it for today. See you!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 634

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR 1!

Today, we are going to listen to a phone call between a hotel clerk and a tourist. Let's begin.

Y: Welcome to the Wexford Hotel. Can I help you?

K: I hope so. Do you have any available rooms? The other hotels I went to were full.

Y: Sorry, we don't. Most hotels around here are probably full. Lots of tourists are in town to see the Wexford Jazz festival.

K: Well, thanks anyway. Maybe I'll try the other side of (the) town.

Y: That may be a good idea. Or, you can go to a nearby town to find a hotel.

K: OK, I will try that. Thank you!

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

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 634

Hello! Welcome back to PR2!

Today's movie is the continuation of the text about Kovalam beach in India. Let's begin.

A local politician complained, "Nobody bothers about the health issues faced by the people. Everybody wants Kovalam beach to be clean just so it can get more business." These problems are not unique to Kovalam. Increasingly, developing countries are turning to tourism as a way to diversify their economies, stimulate investments and create earnings.

Tourism is one of the world's least regulated industries. This has implications for communities and cultures around the world. Tourism-related activities consume large amounts of resources and produce pollution. In addition, many communities face cultural troubles and other unwelcomed changes that accompany higher visitor numbers.

Many governments, industry groups and others are prompting responsible travel that makes money and creates [jobs] while also protecting the local environments and cultures. While it does succeed under some circumstances, this kind of environmentally responsible tourism can produce many of the same problems as ordinary tourism, including the creation of waste. In some cases it is little more than a marketing tool for [businesses] hoping to promote an environmentally conscious image.

As tourism's impact, both good and bad, [continues] to spread, it is more and more important to redirect activities onto a path that protects local resources to the fullest. This will require deep changes that reach far beyond the scope of responsible tourism.

Alright, that's all for today. See you later! Bye-bye!