

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 644

Hello, everyone! Welcome to PR Junior.

Today, I will be talking about the length of my family's hair. This is around Eiken level four.
Let's begin!

My mom has long, black hair. My older brother has black hair, too. But his is short. My dad's hair is short and grey. My younger sister's hair is brown and long. My pet dog has curly, white hair.

This is it for today. See you!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 644

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR1!

Today we are going to listen to a story about cats.

Many people think that all cats don't like water. Most pet cats don't like to swim, but wild cats such as lions and tigers often go in the water. These cats live in hot places. However, wild cats in colder places usually don't go in the water at all. The fishing cat is a wild cat that lives by rivers and other areas with water in Southeast Asia and the Middle East. It is an excellent swimmer and can even swim underwater. The cat can swim because of the shape of its feet. The fishing cat also uses its wide, flat tail to swim better.

That's all for today! See you!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 644

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.

I have another news story here that's relating to the animal kingdom but sadly isn't a very happy one. But take a listen anyway:

At least 150 critically endangered vultures were poisoned to death in separate incidents in Botswana and South Africa, conservationists said August 12th, warning the killings pushed the birds closer to extinction. Vulture poisoning is not uncommon in wildlife-rich southern Africa, where they are targeted by poachers because they draw unwanted attention to their illegal activities. In the latest incidents, more than 50 white-backed vultures were found dead in Botswana's northern Chobe district, while about 100 more were discovered in South Africa's Kruger National Park on August 11th.

Ah yeah, I think killing some animals just so you can more conveniently keep killing other animals is a pretty awful thing to do. And people still try and defend hunting in Africa, even poaching, by saying that it benefits local economies and ecosystems, but the truth of the matter is that the people involved usually aren't really thinking about that – they're only thinking about how they can make money, or, well, the thrill of killing an animal, which is all rather grim.

Anyway, as always: study hard, stay safe, and I'll see you soon.