

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 646

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior.

Let's see how John enjoyed his food!

John put the eggs on a plate. They looked pretty on the white plate. He sat down on his chair and ate the eggs with a spoon. They were delicious. After eating, he washed the plate with soap. Then, he washed the pan. Finally, he wiped down the table.

It seems like John was happy with his food! That's all for today. See you next time!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 646

Hello everyone, welcome back to PR1.

Today I am going to talk about the education in Ancient Greece. Let's get started.

School for boys and girls in ancient Greece was very different than today. Boys in ancient Greece stayed at home when they were young. They helped their parents work and had hobbies like fishing and sailing. At age six or seven, most of them started to go to school. They studied philosophy and how to play the lyre, a kind of musical instrument. They also studied other subjects, but they did not use many books. Most of what they learned was said out loud and memorized.

That was all for today. Next time I will talk about girls' education in ancient Greece. See you next time!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 646

Hi, everyone! Welcome back to PR2. Today we're going to be talking about technology and its effects on human beings. Let's begin!

The new era of the Internet, the smartphone, and the PC has had radical effects on who we are and how we relate to each other. The old boundaries of space and time seem collapsed thanks to the digital technology that structures everyday life. We can communicate instantly across both vast and minute distances. Philosophers, social theorists, psychologists, and anthropologists have all spoken of the new reality that we inhabit as a result of these changes.

But what if, rather than focusing on the new promises or discontents of contemporary civilization, we see today's changes primarily as changes in what human beings do with their hands? The digital age may have transformed many aspects of our experience, but its most obvious yet neglected feature is that it allows people to keep their hands busy in a variety of unprecedented ways.

The owner of a famous bookshop in Paris describes the way young people now try to turn pages by scrolling them, and Apple has even applied for patents for certain hand gestures. At the same time, doctors observe massive increases in computer- and phone-related hand problems, as the fingers and wrist are being used for new movements that nothing has prepared them for.

Okay, everyone. That is all for now. See you in class, bye!