

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 657

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior.

This is part thirty of the story about the Litter King. Let's begin!

The next day, Charlie was at school. He spoke to Mr. Jameson in the playground.

"Look at all the litter," he said. "There are crisp packets and packets all over the ground."

"Yes," said Mr. Jameson. "But how do we stop everyone from throwing litter on the ground?"

That is all for today. Come back next time to hear the rest of the story! Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 657

Hello, everyone. Welcome back to PR1.

Do you guys know how an eclipse happens? An Eclipse happens when one of these objects, such as the [Earth], and the moon, and the sun, blocks each other. There are two types of eclipses: solar and lunar. A solar eclipse happens when the moon passes in front of the sun. When this occurs the moon casts a shadow on the Earth and you cannot see the sun. If you are in the shadow of the moon, it appears as if the sun has stopped shining. A lunar eclipse occurs when the Earth passes between the sun and the moon. The moon is in the shadow of the Earth and cannot be seen.

Wow, isn't it quite scary to think that we cannot see the moon or the sun?

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

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 657

Hello! Welcome back to PR2!

Today's movie is about how we perceive the size of objects we look at. Let's get started!

How often do we say, 'of course I believe it, I saw it with my own eyes!' But can we really be so sure what it is that our eyes tell us? For example, take the simple question: 'How big is the moon?' Could any of us make a good estimate of the moon's size if we had not read what astronomer's tell us about its diameter? What does looking at the moon, or any other object, tell us about its real size? What do we mean by "real size" or "real shape"? What do we mean when we say we believe that a thing has a certain size or shape?

The brain interprets the image on the retina in the light of all sorts of other "information" it receives. Perception is a selection of those features with which we are familiar. Seeing is an activity not only of our eyes but of the brain, which works as a sort of selecting machine. Out of all the images presented to it, it chooses for recognition those that fit most closely with the world learned by past experience.

Let's stop here and continue in the next movie. Bye-bye!