

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 668

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior.

Today, you are going to listen to Sam and Joy's future dreams! Let's begin!

Joy is 14 years old. Last Thursday, Joy's English teacher, Mr. Fukushi, gave the class homework.

It was to write a speech about their future dream. On her way home, Joy met one of her friends,

Sam. She told Sam about the English homework.

She asked Sam, "What is your dream?"

That's all for today! Have a nice day!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 668

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR1.

Today, I am going to read the story about the X-games. Have you ever heard the word "X-games"? Let's find out what it is together. Let's begin!

In the 1980s and 1990s, many exciting action sports became popular. These were called "extreme sports" because they needed a lot of skill and were sometimes dangerous. Extreme sports included things like skateboarding, wakeboarding, bike stunts, and even motorbike stunts. In 1995, these sports were brought together to create an event called the Extreme Games. Later, in 1997, the event was renamed the X Games. Many of the sports feature unbelievable stunts.

That is all for today. Let's continue the story next time. Goodbye!

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Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.

I have a news story here that might be rather interesting to some of you but might for some others be a little bit disturbing. I guess you'll just have to see how you feel about it once you hear it. Take a listen:

The world's human population is forecast to surpass 8 billion in the coming months. Compared to ants, that is a mediocre milestone. Researchers have made the most thorough assessment to date of the global population of ants, insects that have colonized almost every corner of the planet, and the estimated total is a mind-blowing 20 quadrillion – or about 2.5 million ants for every human. It should come as little surprise considering how ubiquitous these busy and social insects are, and the fact that they have thrived since the age of dinosaurs, with the oldest known ant fossil dating back about 100 million years to the Cretaceous Period.

Ah, wow, that is quite a staggering number, I guess. I mean, we've always known that insects outnumber us millions to one, but to read that there are actually 2.5 million ants for every single person on Earth is... well, that's quite insane. I mean, even for a creature so small, to picture that many in one place... well, it creates a pretty powerful image. I mean, it's almost unbelievable, but if you think about all the areas on Earth that are still thankfully uninhabited by humans, I guess it makes sense.

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