

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 677

Hello! Welcome to PR Junior.

This is ~~(the)~~ part 9 [seven] of the story *Baby Whale's Mistake*. Let's begin!

As soon as the sailors noticed the lifeboat, they stopped their ship and let down the rescue boat. They tied a rope onto the lifeboat to pull it back to the ship. When the men climbed up onto the ship, they were cold and wet. The sailors told them, "You're out of danger now."

Alright, let's finish the story in the next movie. Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 677

Hello, everyone! Welcome to PR 1!

Today, you will listen to a story about activities.

Every year, Sara's town holds a big volunteer event. People of all ages living in the town get together to clean up local parks. This year, Sara joined the event. Early on Saturday morning, Sara gathered at Memorial Park with other volunteers. She was on a team with five other people. The team's job was to paint the fence around the park. While she was talking to one of the volunteers, she found out that her town holds many exciting events. For example. They have [a] summer concert in the park and a fashion show in the winter. She also learned that her town has a basketball team and there are games every month at a local gym. Sara [became] interested in these activities. Now, she's planning on participating in more activities in her community.

That's all for today! Bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 677

Hello, everyone. Welcome to PR2!

Every fall, families across the Northern Hemisphere rush to pumpkin patches in search of the perfect gourds. Some use them to carve out scary jack-o'-lanterns. Others place the fruits outside their homes as decor. But the fascination with pumpkins ends after Halloween, and most end up in the trash.

Experts estimated that about 22 million out of 40 million pumpkins bought this Halloween will go to waste. In the US, about two billion pounds of pumpkins end up in landfills annually. In addition to the massive amount of food waste generated, the rotting fruit also emits large amounts of methane. It is a big contributor to climate change. Fortunately, this pollution problem has an easy fix. If you used the fruits for decor, extract the edible portions. Roasted pumpkin seeds make a nutritious snack. The flesh can be used to create a delicious soup, a tasty puree, or a pie.

Drop off your sagging jack-o'-lanterns or hollowed-out pumpkins at a local compost collection center. Better still, seek out an organized pumpkin-smashing event and have fun tossing yours on the ground. The remains will be collected and composted once the event is over. You can also fill pumpkin shells with grains and leave them in the yard or hanging from a tree. These pumpkins will be eaten by birds, squirrels, and other garden critters [who will] thank you for the treat.

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