

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 688

Hello, Everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior!

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

On Tuesday, Joy talked about her dream in English class. Joy likes English class the best, and wants to be an English teacher in the future.

Mr. Fukushi smiled and said, "You are a good student, and you can also play the piano well. You like singing songs, too. Maybe you can teach English songs to your students. You will be a good English teacher."

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

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 688

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR1.

Today I would like to introduce you some intelligent animals. If you are ready, let's start!

Have you ever heard about dolphins that save people who fall into the sea? Or pets that seem to know when their owners are happy or angry? There are many stories about animals being smart, so is it true that they can actually be intelligent? There are some famous examples of animal intelligence. Pigeons are one example. These birds can find their way home from anywhere. Scientists have also shown that pigeons really have good memories.

Many animals may be more intelligent than we think, it is just that we never realized.

Let's continue the second half next time. See you!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 688

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.

Now, although not that many people are talking about it, the World Cup – probably the world's largest sporting competition and definitely my favourite – is coming up in a matter of days. I think the reason it's not generating quite as much excitement as usual is due to all the controversies surrounding the host nation, and the decision to hold the World Cup there in the first place. I have a news story here that's related, and maybe a little interesting in a different way. Take a listen to this:

A pair of giant pandas sent as a gift from China arrived in Qatar on October 19th ahead of the World Cup. They will take up residence in an indoor enclosure in the desert nation designed to duplicate conditions in the dense forests of China's mountainous Sichuan province. Jing Jing, a 4-year-old male weighing 120 kilograms, has been given the Arabic name Suhail, and 3-year-old female Si Hai, at 70 kilograms, has been given the Arabic name Thuraya. Pandas are the unofficial national mascots of China, which has gifted them to 20 countries.

Huh. Well, I heard that giant pandas are no longer technically endangered, so I guess China can afford to do this, but I still don't really like the idea of sending exotic animals as pets. Hopefully this enclosure that they're placed in does actually replicate their natural habitat like they say it does.

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