

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 693

Welcome back to PR Junior!

This is Part Four of the story about three children in the desert.

“Er... we are lost,” said Wilf.

“I’ll take you to the next town,” said the driver, “and hand you to the sheriff.”

The children sat on a seat on top of the stagecoach. “No seat belts!” shouted Biff.

“Take care! Hang on!”

Hmm... I wonder what will happen next. Tune in next time to find out! Bye!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 693

Hello! Welcome back to PR1.

Today, I am going to read the second half of the story about intelligent animals. Let’s begin!

Rico is a very famous example of dog intelligence. A scientist studied Rico carefully and found that he knew the names of more than 200 items. Rico could still remember the names after not hearing them for four weeks. A well-known test used to see which animals have intelligence is called the mirror test. This tests if animals can recognize themselves in a mirror. So far, only humans, chimpanzees, orangutans, dolphins, and pigeons have passed this test.

That’s amazing! Try looking at your pet – maybe he or she is also a genius!

That is all for today, see you!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 693

Hello, everyone! Welcome to PR2!

Recently, there have been huge advances in Artificial Intelligence (AI) programs that create art. The programs, which create artworks based on short descriptions, have amazed many people. They have also raised difficult questions.

There are many tools that use AI to create incredible paintings, photos, and other artwork in many different styles based on simple descriptions. Many artists are upset that they're now competing against computers for attention, prizes, and jobs. It's hard for a single artist to compete against all the art and photography that has ever appeared on the internet. In August, an artwork created with AI won first prize at the Colorado State Fair. That upset many people

These new AI art tools are all trained in similar ways – using massive collections of pictures with matching descriptions. The programs begin to create new images with a random pattern of dots. Step by step, they use their training to change the pattern until parts of the image begin to match the description. However, the images and the descriptions used to train these AI programs were taken from the internet. That has raised questions about whether what these tools are doing is fair or legal. This is an area where the law isn't clear. Some people are starting to think about the legal problems the artwork[s] could bring.

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