

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 725

Hello everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior.

Today, I am going to read about the story of *The Flying Elephant*. Let's begin!

Mum went shopping. She took the children. The children looked up. There was an elephant on the roof. The elephant looked funny. The elephant was fat.

The children laughed. "Look at that fat elephant," they said.

"An elephant?" said Mum. "Don't be silly."

There was a storm. The wind blew.

That's all for today! See you next time! Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 725

Hi, everyone! Welcome back to PR1.

This will be the second half about trees. Now, take a listen.

Second, trees can be homes for birds and animals. If we keep cutting down trees, they will soon lose their homes and die. Third, the earth can be beautiful because there are so many trees. Do you think Mars and the moon are more beautiful than the Earth? The earth is beautiful because there are many trees. We all live on earth. So we must try to do good things for trees and Earth. If we do nothing for trees and the Earth, the Earth may be like Mars or the moon in hundreds of years.

That's it for today. How was the whole story? I hope you liked it. See you soon!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 725

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.

It's been a while since I've done one of these, and I wanted to start off with a dinosaur-related topic – as I am wont to do – but I couldn't really find any so I have the next best thing here – the animal kingdom. Take a listen:

Some frogs found in South and Central America have the rare ability to turn their nearly transparent appearance on and off, researchers reported December 22nd in the journal *Science*. During the day, these nocturnal frogs sleep by hanging underneath tree leaves. Their delicate, greenish transparent forms don't cast shadows, rendering them almost invisible to birds and other predators. But when northern glass frogs wake up and hop around in search of insects and mates, they take on an opaque reddish-brown colour. The researchers discovered their secret: While asleep, the frogs concentrate, of "hide," nearly 90 percent of their red blood cells in their liver.

Huh! Amazing! And quite interesting considering in *Jurassic Park*, they used the DNA of frogs to fill in the gene sequence gaps in the dinosaurs, which gave the dinosaurs the ability to reproduce asexually. So, if they'd used the DNA of these frogs, it may have given the dinosaurs the ability to turn invisible! And that did actually happen in the later *Jurassic World* movies, although in that case, I think it was the DNA of a cuttlefish. But still, it all ties together.

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