

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 735

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior.

Today, you are going to learn more interesting facts about chocolate. So, let's begin.

They put sugar in their chocolate. People liked the sweet chocolate. Only rich people drank chocolate because it was very expensive.

I love eating chocolate! I have a lot chocolate in my house. I'm very happy. Thank you, Mexico!

Well, did you enjoy the story about chocolate? So, that's all for today. See you next time!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 735

Hi, everyone. Welcome back to PR1.

Today, let's hear a conversation between two friends. Take a listen:

John, you said your dad got a job overseas, and you have to move, right? Where did you say you're going?

I'm going to Singapore, but I really don't want to go.

Oh, why? Singapore sounds like a really interesting place.

I don't want to leave my friends here. Also it's my first time going overseas.

Well, what language do they speak in Singapore?

They have four commonly used languages: English, Chinese, Malay, and Tamil.

You'll be fine, don't worry about us. Will you ever come back here to Chicago?

We might, in a few years.

I'll come visit in the summer. So hopefully we get to see each other in Singapore next time.

Alright, that's it for today. See you soon.

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 735

Hello everyone, and welcome back to PR2!

It's been really windy recently, so I hope everyone is staying warm.

Today we're gonna learn about the Green Comet, or ZTF, also known as C/2022 E3, which is a celestial object that has recently revealed itself to Earth for the first time in forever! Okay, so...

On the evening of February 1st, ZTF had made its closest approach to Earth in 50,000 years. 50,000 years, everyone... can you believe that?! At this point in time, not even modern human beings, or shall I say, Homo sapiens, existed. Before our species, it was the homo neanderthalensis, or Neanderthals, that roamed around Earth. That also means that mammoths could have seen ZTF as well. Very interesting, isn't it?

So, back to the comet. Where in the sky could we have witnessed ZTF's journey?

Personally speaking, I woke up at around 4 AM, when the moon's light no longer distracted the night sky, and I brought my binoculars outside. The reason why I cared so much about the moon and its light is because ZTF's light is very faint, and I was worried that the moon's light could "over-shine" ZTF's. And, unfortunately, despite this, I was unable to see it due to clouds.

According to experts, ZTF should have been located in the northern sky, roughly near Polaris. Polaris is, by the way, the North Star, which is found at the tip of the Little Dipper's handle.

Okay, that is it for today! Great job as always, and see you again! Bye!