

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 736

Hi, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior.

Let's hear a conversation during a class. Take a listen:

Teacher: Hey, where's your textbook Bob? Take it out.

Bob: Oh, I don't have it, Ms. Brown.

Teacher: Why not?

Bob: I forgot it at home on my desk.

Teacher: Hmm, okay. Mindy, can you share your textbook with Bob please?

Mindy: Yes, no problem.

Bob: Thanks, Mindy.

Teacher: Make sure to bring it with you tomorrow, Bob.

Bob: Yes, I will.

Alright, that's it for today. See you next time!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 736

Hello, everyone. Welcome back to PR1.

Did you guys know that air pollution can change our brain?

It changes how parts of our brain connect with other parts. Research shows this can happen in two hours. A researcher was surprised by his research, since they always thought the brain was safe from the harmful effects of air pollution. Now he says air pollution affects the brain. The study was done on 25 adults. They breathed car fumes in a laboratory. Scientists took brain scans of them for two hours. The scans showed that there were fewer connections between the networks we use to think. Another professor worried about how traffic pollution can change the networks in our brain.

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

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 736

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.

Now, I was going to choose something a little bit different for today's PR2 video, but I can never resist going with a good animal-related topic, and I have another one right here so take a listen:

Scientists have discovered hatchling and juvenile populations of the Galapagos pink land iguana, an endangered reptile native to a sole island on the Ecuadorian archipelago, for the first time since the species' discovery just decades ago. Native only to the slopes of Wolf Volcano on the Galapagos' Isabela Island, the iguana is considered critically endangered, with only several hundred left, according to estimates.

"This discovery marks a significant step forward, which allows us to identify a path going forward to save the pink iguana," Danny [Rueda], the director of Galapagos National Park, said in a statement on December 20th.

Ah yes, the pink iguana! I have heard of this – somewhat closely related to the marine iguana, which is also native only to the Galapagos Islands. It seems like it was only discovered very recently and so it's good that they've found sufficient evidence that the species may hopefully – uh – continue and not die out just yet.

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