

Dictation Contest (PR Jr, 初級) No. 743

Hi, everyone, and welcome back to PR Junior!

Today, I will teach you four fun facts about snowflakes.

First, each snowflake is made of about 200 ice crystals!

Also, they always have six arms. This means that they are hexagons!

Another cool fact is that snowflakes are smaller at colder temperatures.

Finally, no snowflakes are exactly alike.

Okay, that is it for today! Stay warm and have a lovely rest of the day. See you!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 743

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR 1.

Today, we'll hear the final part of *Laughing and Health*. Take a listen.

Indeed, the American team was very strong. But the Japanese players did not give up. And when they were in a tight spot, they looked different from the American players. They were smiling. Smiling was very important to them. Finally, they won the game. After the game, some of the players from the two teams smiled at each other.

Do you smile every day? Smiling is a small thing in our life, but sometimes it is very important. It has the power to change you. It also has the power to change the people around you. So, let's smile.

Well, that's it for today. See you next time, bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 743

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Hope you're all still staying healthy and safe.

My last few PR2 videos have featured news stories relating to the animal kingdom, so I thought this time I would read you a news story that's related too the animal kingdom again, here we go:

Scientists have discovered a new species of dwarf boa in the Ecuadoran Amazon and named it after an Indigenous activist. Up to 20 centimeters long and with skin colouring similar to those of the boa constrictor, the previously unknown snake was named *Tropidophis cacuangoae*. The second part of the name honours early 20th-century Indigenous rights activist Dolores Cacuango, according to Ecuador's environment ministry. The species is unusual for having a "vestigial pelvis" characteristic of primitive snakes and taken as evidence by some that snakes descended from lizards that lost their limbs over millions of years ago.

Ah yeah, so a lot of people don't like them, but I've always thought snakes were pretty cute! And I think it's easier to convince people of this when they're only this big – with a little, cute face! It's always nice when new species are discovered so hopefully this little guy will continue to thrive and not face any danger of extinction just yet.

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