

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 744

Hi, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior.

What did you guys do during New Year's holiday? I watched a movie about wizards and witches. It was about a boy named Harry going to a magic school. At the school, he learns how to fly with a broomstick and use magic spells. It looked very interesting. I also wish that I can go the same school and learn lots of fun things. Would you go to a school like this?

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

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 744

Hello, everyone! Today I'm going to talk about British tea culture. Let's begin.

Everybody knows that the British drink tea, but did you know that they drink around 165 million cups every day? Tea is not just a drink, it is a tradition, and is part of the history and culture of the UK.

Afternoon tea is a popular tradition that started in the early 1800s when people had tea parties in their homes or went out to tea shops or tea rooms at around 4 o'clock in the afternoon. Today, people continue this tradition and tea is served with a light meal of sandwiches, biscuits, cream cakes, or fruit cake. In some parts of Britain, afternoon tea is called high tea and usually includes a hot dish.

That's all for today. See you!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 744

Hi, everyone. Welcome back to PR2.

Do you guys drink coffee? Today I'll tell you a story about a coffee farmer. Take a listen.

Gerardo is a coffee farmer in San Jose, Costa Rica. He sells his coffee to a fair trade organization. He is married with three children. He says: "In the 1980s, the price of coffee fell so low that it didn't cover the cost of production. Many farmers abandoned their land and went to the cities to find work. Some even left the country. In the mid-90s, I decided to go to America to make money and support my family. I stayed in the states for ten years. The coffee market was so unstable. We did not have a local school, good roads or bridges. Now, thanks to fair trade, prices are stable and we receive a guaranteed profit margin. We spend the money on education, environmental protection, roads and bridges, and improving equipment. I would be out of business if it weren't for fair trade. Free trade is not responsible trade. When prices go down, farmers produce more and prices drop further. Fair trade is the way trade should be: responsible and sustainable. My oldest son is in college, my ten-year-old has already had as much education as me, and my little princess is in her second year at school. With the help of fair trade, they might all be able to go to university and get a degree.

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