

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 754

Hi, everyone. Welcome back to PR Junior.

Let's hear a conversation between John and his classmates. Take a listen.

Classmate: Where were you last week, John?

John: I was in Hawaii with my family.

Classmate: Oh, wow! That's so nice! How was it?

John: The Ocean was really beautiful and I got to swim with sea turtles.

Classmate: I wish I could go there too. Any souvenirs for us?

John: Well, I had too much fun and forgot to get you guys one. Sorry!

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

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 754

Hi, guys! Welcome back to PR1.

Today, you are going to listen to a story about the people who eat the soil.

They explain that the bacteria in the earth can help children's bodies fight disease. They say that children who have contact with earth are less likely to get sick when they grow up. However, there is no doubt that eating earth can also be dangerous. In many places, the soil contains harmful chemicals used by farmers. Moreover, harmful bacteria and insect eggs can enter the body along with the earth. According to experts, when people do eat earth, it is important that they make sure to get it from places that are known to be safe.

That is all for today, bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 754

Hi there! Welcome back to PR2!

Today's movie is the second part of the text about the meaning of movement. Remember that in the last movie we were talking about how we can travel great distances in a few hours nowadays? Let's continue!

Nomads have always traveled across the earth, but on foot and in tune with the rhythm of the seasons and tradition. A new age of mobility means a new age of homesickness – and that is for those of us lucky enough to have a home.

All of us are time travelers now, able to fly in less than a day from the 21st century, downtown Tokyo, for example, to the 13th century Bhutan, where costumes, houses, and customs are maintained in strict medieval style. Tonight we can fly into the depths of the opposite season. And the shrinking distances in space may blind us to the more significant distances that remain: flying from Beirut to Beijing to Bogota on successive days – and finding the same services in each – we may underestimate the difference in values and assumptions. The truths of the village square do not extend across the global village. Thus, traveling today can be like watching TV, channel surfing through a mass of images too fast to read and too various to sort.

Alright, that is all for today. See you in the next movie. Bye-bye!