

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 764

Hi, everyone! Welcome back to PRJr.

It is a sunny day today. So, Ally decided to clean her room. First, she cleaned her desk. She put the books back into the shelves, and then Ally made up her bed and vacuumed the floor. While vacuuming, Ally found a pencil under her bed. She was very happy because it was her favorite pencil. Finally, Ally cleaned the bathroom with soap and water. It was clean again!

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

Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 764

Hello! This is PR1. Are you ready? Let's start.

Plastic is mostly made from oil. Oil comes from small plants and animals that have been deep underground for a long time, so it is created naturally. In order to produce plastic, people need to gather the underground substance using special equipment. This oil is then separated into various types of oils and gasses at oil plants. One of these is called Naphtha. A raw material to create plastic. Finally, factories add colors and chemicals to form the plastic into their own products. Plastic is cheap and easy to make. Unfortunately, plastic can't be broken down into nature easily. Instead of just simply throwing it all away, we need to create a strict recycling system in a hurry.

That's all. Bye bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2, 上級) No. 764

Hi, everyone! Welcome back to PR2.

Today, I'll talk about invasive species. Now, take a listen to this.

Invasive species are plants or animals that come into an area and threaten to kill or drive out the local species. The first characteristic of an invasive species is that it does not naturally occur in the area. In other words, it is not part of a normal ecosystem but invaders from an outside area. In many cases, invasive species is brought in by humans. The Russian olive tree, for instance, now threatens the forests of North America. People using it for landscaping brought the species to the continent from Europe. After it was introduced, the Russian olive, well suited to its new environment, overwhelmed nearby natural environments. Invasive species are also defined by the way they upset an ecosystem. When particular species are put into an area, they invade the habitats of, and even kill, native species. Asian clams, for instance, were introduced to the coast of the Americas. In these areas, they have no natural predators. They also reproduce quickly. As a result, Asian clams are threatening to overtake many coastal areas. They do so by taking over the space and using the nutrients that local species would normally use. Clams consume plankton for nutrients, the same foods that many smaller fish eat. Thus, lacking nutrients many fish species have died in the area invaded by the clams.

Alright, that's it for today. I hope it was interesting for you guys. I'll see you next time.