Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 765

Hi, everyone! Welcome back to PR1.
Let's hear a conversation between a new student and his classmate. Here we go.

Tomas: Hello. My name is Tomas. Nice to meet you.
Spencer: Nice to meet you. My name is Spencer. Where did you come from?
Tomas: I came from France.
Spencer: Wow, that's so cool. I have never been to France. What do you like to do?
Tomas: I like to play soccer.
Spencer: Me, too! We should play it together after school!

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

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Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR1.
Let's continue our talk about our lives. Let's begin.

22 hours and 30 minutes. This is the average time for us to smile and laugh during our lives. When we feel happy, we smile and sometimes laugh. If we smile and laugh, something good will happen. Some doctors say that laughing keeps us in good health. 22 hours and 30 minutes. Do you think that's enough? 150 days. You will be surprised. We spend such a long time looking for things we have lost. For example, 59% of people answered that they often lose pens. 55% of people said they often lose money. They remember that they put some money on a table or in a bag, but they are shocked when they can't find it.

Well, that's all for today. We'll continue next time. Bye bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2, 上級) No. 765

Hello, everyone this is PR2!
Today, I'm going to give you a brief introduction to algae and this is something that may become something on our plate in the nearby future. So take a listen.

There may be as many as one million different species of algae. There's the macro algae—think large towers of kelp forming forests underwater and sargassum wrapping around the ankles of swimmers at the beach. And then there's the micro version—microscopic organisms like phytoplankton that form the basis of the world's marine food chains. Algae's biological makeup—the way they grow and the nutrients they contain—are what makes them attractive to entrepreneurs, scientists, and farmers. Like plants on land, they use photosynthesis to grow, converting energy from the sun and carbon dioxide in the sea and atmosphere into new plant matter. But unlike plants on land, algae don't need to produce support structures. "The reason algae grows so much faster than land plants is they're suspended in the water. They don't need structural materials to hold them up," says Charles Greene, an ocean scientist at the University of Washington. Some species of kelp can grow as fast as two to three feet per day. Studies have shown seaweed has major potential as a health food. It's full of protein, fiber, rich with micronutrients like iron, and full of vitamins. And while scientists are just beginning to study the potential health benefits of microalgae, they're finding many species are high in protein and amino acids. Both sustainable and nutritious, seaweed was described as "revolutionary" at a recent U.N. ocean conference.

Okay, that's it for today. Thank you for listening and see you!