

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 770

Hello, this is part 2 of the story *When do Hippos Play?*

The hippos went bathing in cool, shallow pools, thinking the rhinos and elephants fools. Slowly the hippos sank into the river, the water so cold that it gave them a shiver. Hippos can't swim, like the pelicans think. They also can't float - they could easily sink. Underwater, they fell to the soft river bed, on darkish green plants with a smidgen of red.

Alright, that's it for today. Bye bye!

Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 770

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

The time used for searching is different in each country. This graph shows how many minutes people from some countries spend, looking for things in a month. People in Korea search for about 100 minutes, but Chinese people spend more than 2 hours searching. People in the US don't search as long as Japanese people. 6 years. One survey says that in one day, we spend 2 hours and 20 minutes using our cell phones. That means 1 person will use their cell phone for 6 years during their life. Do you think it's too much? We need to think of ways to use our time to make our lives better.

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

Dictation Contest (PR2, 上級) No. 770

Hi, guys! Welcome back to PR2. Let's talk about ocean animals today. Do you like the ocean? Or are you afraid of it? Well, regardless of how we feel about the ocean, there are many animals that live in it. Today's talk will be about the predators.

Sharks are one of the best and most famous predators. Most kinds of sharks have a lot of sharp teeth to attack other animals. One of the most famous and terrifying sharks is the great white shark. A great white shark has 3,000 teeth and will eat almost any animal in the ocean. Only the very biggest ocean animals are safe from the great white shark. Great white sharks are terrifying predators, but they aren't the biggest nor most powerful predator in the ocean. The orca, or killer whale, is. Killer whales eat fish, seals, and even other whales. Orcas are different from fish in many ways. They don't have scales, and they can't even breathe underwater. However, they are one of the smartest animals in the ocean, and they hunt together in groups, called pods. What an amazing animal, right? Meanwhile, some predators in the ocean don't use teeth to kill their prey. Jellyfish use tentacles to sting and kill fish they want to eat. Octopuses and squid have stronger tentacles that they wrap around fish, or even sharks, to kill them. Stingrays use barbs on their tails to poison their prey. The ocean can be a very dangerous place!

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