

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 774

Hello everyone, and welcome to PR Junior.

Today, we will look at the steps after putting seed in the soil. Let's start!

When your sunflower is about 10cm tall, it's ready to put into a bigger pot. Firstly, fill a big pot with soil and make a hole. Then, carefully take the sunflower out of the small pot and put it in the hole. Fill the hole with soil and water it. As your plant gets taller, put a stick into the soil next to the stem. Tie the stem to the stick with string.

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

Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 774

Hey guys! Welcome back to PR1.

Today you are going to listen to a story about a cat Miki found on the way to school. Let's begin.

One day, Miki was walking to the bus stop next to the post office. As usual, she carried a backpack and walked alone. On the way to the bus stop, she saw a gray cat. The cat came to Miki and looked at her. Miki felt that was unusual because cats are usually shy. She decided to play with the cat for a while. Miki was two blocks away from the stop when the bus left. She missed the bus so she walked 2km to get to school. She was late and the teacher got angry but she was happy to play with the cat.

That is all for today. Bye bye!

Dictation Contest (PR1, 上級) No. 774

Hi guys, how are you all doing?

This is PR2 and today we will learn about cats in Ancient Egypt. Cats are, in my personal opinion, one of my favorite animals because of how adorable they look. One TV show I watched once explained that this is because cats' faces resemble the proportions of human babies'. Moreover, coming from personal experience, cats' purring are therapeutic and are said to have positive effects on one's mental health. That was a long introduction, but let's dive right in!

Sources state that cats were well worshiped in Ancient Egypt, as divine symbols. We can confirm this as ancient Egyptian art often featured cats, and they were portrayed as useful predators in ancient Egypt. To give you a visual representation of such art, let me show you a picture. This is a wall painting portraying a cat gorging on a fish under a chair. We can infer that this is a woman. In fact, there are many examples of art showing women and cats, perhaps hinting at cats' hidden powers of fertility. Archaeologists have even found mummified cats. You can tell they were very close with human beings. Mummified cats does not necessarily mean that cats were worshipped as gods, but rather as a vessel the gods chose to inhabit. Furthermore, Egyptians at that time continued their relationships with their cats not only in the living world, but in the afterlife as well. I love how ancient Egyptians had such a close relationship with animals! Stories like this melt my heart.

Anyway that is all for today—stay cool and see you next time!