

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 777

Welcome back to PR Junior!

Today we'll be talking about strawberries. Let's begin.

Dad wanted to make jam. He picked some strawberries. They were too small. Mum took everyone to the pick-your-own. "You can all help," said Dad. They all picked strawberries. Kipper put some in his pocket. Chip took the strawberries to the car. The car was locked. He forgot about the strawberries. The children had an ice cream. It was time to go home. The car ran over the strawberries.

Okay, that's all. Bye everyone!

Dictation Contest (PR1, 中級) No. 777

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR1.

Today, let's learn about the ocean and its animals. Let's begin!

Almost 70 percent of Earth is covered by oceans. The oceans are filled with predators and prey. Let's learn about how these ocean animals live underwater.

One of the biggest differences between land and ocean animals is how they breathe. All animals must breathe oxygen to live. We breathe oxygen from the air through our mouth and nose, and into our lungs. If we breathe underwater, our lungs do not work, so we drown. Ocean animals, however, have a different way to breathe. Most ocean animals have gills to get oxygen from the water. These animals are fish. However, there are animals that breathe using lungs in the ocean, too.

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

Dictation Contest (PR2, 上級) No. 777

Hello, hello! Welcome back another educational PR2 session with me.

Since it is getting warmer day by day, I thought we could learn about cherry blossoms. Did you know that you can find Japanese “sakura,” or cherry blossoms even in Washington D.C.? When I was in elementary school, I remember seeing them with my family. That was when I learned the history behind these trees.

When I say there are cherry blossoms throughout D.C., I mean that there are various locations to enjoy them. Anywhere near the Jefferson Memorial, the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial, and the Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial will guarantee you amazing pictures of the blossoms. The trees are also visible in small clusters along the National Mall and around the Washington Monument.

So...why so many? All these trees were planted in 1912 as a gift of friendship to the People of the United States, from the People of Japan. Action took place in August 1909 when the Japanese Embassy informed the Department of State that the City of Tokyo would like to donate 2,000 cherry trees to the United States, to be planted along the Potomac River. Unfortunately, these did not survive due to insect and parasite infestation.

The later attempt was made in February 1912, this time with an even bigger amount at 3,020, of 12 varieties. This one was successful, and it is enjoyed by countless people each year.

Hope you've enjoyed that! I thought this was a heartwarming story.

That's it for today – stay awesome and I'll see you again. Bye-bye!