

### Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 789

Hello! This is PR Junior.

Let's read a story about a brave dog.

The chihuahua is a small dog, but it can be very brave. One chihuahua helped a small girl when she was attacked by a pit bull.

The chihuahua came to help the girl and was able to get the bad dog away from the girl. The girl has some injuries but without the chihuahua's help, the girl would have bigger problems.

This is why I love dogs. Anyways, see you!

### Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 789

Hi, everyone! Welcome back to PR1.

Have you ever wondered how ancient people made ice? I have the answer for you in this video. Let's take a listen to it!

In the ancient world, some harvested ice that formed on natural sources, but that was not an easy job. Lakes didn't really freeze in the Mediterranean and Middle East, so they were getting glacial ice and snow from high up in the mountains. All the time and effort that went into collecting ice made it something that only the wealthiest people could afford.

Getting ice in the desert was another story. There's evidence that people would use evaporation for cooling purposes. When you put water in a porous clay container and wrap it with a wet cloth, evaporation would pull the heat out of whatever was in there.

That's all for today, see you next time! Goodbye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 789

Hi there! Welcome back to PR2!

We'll be talking about colors today. Let's start!

Some scientists say that color can influence our actions and feelings. One experiment was made by a teacher. The walls of a school room were orange, white, and brown. He changed the colors to yellow and blue. Students took a test before and after the wall color was changed. Some students had higher test scores, few students were late for school, and teachers reported that students did not make as much trouble as before after the color was changed.

An American doctor gave a test about the influence of color to people. He found that the color pink made people happy. He tested this at an American prison. He found that pink rooms made prisoners more peaceful. Scientists don't know exactly the reason, but some believe that cells at the back of the eye send information to the brain when they see some colors. Experiments show, for example, that when people look at warm colors – red, orange or yellow – their brains become more active and their blood pressure gets a little higher. Their breathing also becomes faster. The color blue has the opposite influence.

Few scientists agree that color really influences people in an important way. But some doctors use colors as a way to influence people. A doctor's office is painted blue for the patients to feel good. And the color orange is often seen in restaurants. When people see that color, they feel hungry.

Alright, that's it for today. Bye!