

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 807

Welcome back to PR Junior.

Here's a notice about new French classes. Let's begin.

Camille's French School will start the new classes next week.

We have good teachers with lots of experience.

In the lessons, the students will sing songs and play games.

Every month, they'll read different books.

The students will have snacks together after the lessons!

For more information, please call 555-1234.

We are closed every Monday.

Okay, that's all for now. Bye, everyone!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 807

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR1!

This is the second part of the text about the first peacock. Let's begin!

This was an easy job for Argos. The cow just ate grass all day. But the god Zeus wanted the cow. He wanted to take it away from Hera. Zeus found a great musician and asked him to play a beautiful song for Argos. Zeus was sure that Argos would sleep.

The sound had an immediate effect – he fell asleep. Zeus saw this, and he took the cow.

Hera was very angry with Argos. She turned him into a peacock. She put his many eyes on his tail. Argos was very sad.

Zeus saw how much trouble he had caused Argos, so he turned Argos into a group of stars. He wanted Argos to remain in the sky forever. Even today, Argos' image remains there and we can see him in the night sky.

That was all for today! Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 807

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR2.

Today I'd like to talk about Haiti and the beautiful, rich culture it has. The media has the tendency to report on its corrupt political state and on its devastating earthquakes. However, I think it's time we shine some light on the positive aspects of this nation.

Starting with the name, Haiti means "mountainous country" in the language of the Taino. They were the indigenous peoples of this region before European colonization. Tainos are declared extinct, largely because European diseases wiped out the entire population. Today, 95% of Haitians are of African descent due to imported slaves, and the remaining 5% are mulatto and white. Mulatto people are mixed with African and European descent. Have you ever heard of "Haitian Vodou"? It refers to a specific type of dancing and drumming, and serves as a strong cultural tradition in the Haitian collective imagination. It is present in Haitian paintings, music, dances, and literature.

Another tradition is "Fet Gede." Every November, Haitians reserve the entire month to appeasing the dead and communicating with them. Every Haitian day of the dead celebration is packed with an aura of excitement and mysticism.

Lastly, let me show you the traditional clothing! They're called karabela dresses and often include fabrics of various shades of red and blue. I love how vivid and colorful these dresses are! Perhaps next time, I can introduce Haitian traditional clothing for males.

Okay, that's a wrap! Amazing job as always, and see you!