

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 808

Hi, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior.

Today, we're going to hear a conversation at a restaurant. Let's hear it.

What would you like to start with?

We'll have Cesar salad and nachos please.

Would you like to have any drinks?

Water is fine for now, thank you.

Alright I'll be right back with your salad and nachos.

Great, thank you!

Alright, that's it for today. How was it? I hope it was interesting. See you next time!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 808

Hello, everyone, and welcome back to PR1!

Today I prepared a short article about high tide and low tide. Let's begin.

Imagine the ocean is shaped like a football pointing at the moon. The football's pointed ends represent the parts of the Earth experiencing high tide and the football's flat sides are the parts of the earth experiencing low tide. The point facing the moon is formed because the gravitational pull of the moon is strongest on whichever side of the Earth faces it.

Gravity pulls the ocean towards the moon and high tide occurs. The water moving away from the moon resists the gravitational forces that attempt to pull it in the opposite direction.

Because the gravitational pull of the moon is weaker on the far side of the Earth, inertia wins, the ocean bulges out and high tide occurs.

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

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 808

Hi, guys! Welcome back to PR2.

It's becoming really hot now, isn't it? So many people are catching colds because of the temperature gap between the day and night. Be careful not to get sick okay, guys?

Alright, today's movie will be about sprawls.

Cities are growing ever larger, expanding far beyond their original limits. This sort of fast but unhealthy growth is called sprawl. This happens when there is increased demand for houses that are less expensive than what is available in a city's center, causing construction companies to construct homes in the outer areas of a city, which can curb building expenses. However, this often results in unnatural and uneven city planning. Regardless, people with families are especially interested in these newly created suburbs because they can more easily afford larger houses.

Unfortunately, sprawl has many negative long-term effects. It destroys wildlife habitats, endangering animals, wetlands, and forests, which in turn worsens global warming. Sprawl also reduces the quality of life for the many people who work in downtown areas. This is because sprawl does not cause jobs to move away from downtown, so problems such as traffic jams occur, as most people still have to go there by car or bus for work. The problem is further worsened as the development of the public transport system is not keeping up with the growth of these cities.

Well, that's it for today. Do you think sprawl is present in Japan? Let me know what you think next time. Bye-bye!