

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 812

Hi, everyone! Welcome to PR Junior.

Today I'll be reading you a story about a race that happens during the New Year. Take a listen.

Biff, Chip, and Kipper went to have dinner with Lee's family.

"This is a special meal," said Lee. "It's New Year's Eve!"

"But New Year's Eve was weeks ago," said Biff.

"Chinese New Year is on a different day," said Grandpa Chen.

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

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 812

Hi, everyone! Welcome back to PR1.

Today, you will listen to the history of [the] western part of the United States. Let's get started.

In the early 19th century, the western part of the United States was a mystery. In those days, Americans only lived on the eastern side. In 1804*, President Thomas Jefferson asked Meriwether Lewis and William Clark to go on an adventure to the west coast. They camped outside with other members of their group. During their trip, they collected information about the land, the plants, and the animals. They drew maps, too. They reached the west coast in 1805*. They gave the information to the United States government. They are famous people in American history.

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

* The 0 in these dates is read as an 'O' (eighteen-oh-four)

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 812

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR2.

Do you guys often think about where humans came from? If you have you might have also heard the book *The Origin of Species*. It is a book written by Charles Darwin and published in 1859. The book presented Darwin's theory of evolution, which proposed that species evolve over time through the process of natural selection.

Darwin based his theory on his observations during his travels to various regions, including the Galapagos Islands, where he studied the unique wildlife. He observed that variations existed within species, and those variations that were better suited to their environment were more likely to survive and pass on their traits to their offspring. Over time, this process of natural selection led to the development of new species.

The Origin of Species was a groundbreaking work that had a significant impact on scientific and philosophical thought, challenging traditional beliefs about the origins of life and the role of humans in the natural world. Although Darwin faced significant opposition from the religious and conservative establishment[s], over time, his theory became widely accepted in the scientific community and has had a significant impact on fields such as biology, anthropology, and psychology.

Today, *The Origin of Species* is considered a foundational work in the field of biology, and Darwin's theory of natural selection continues to shape our understanding of the natural world and the processes of evolution.

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