

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 813

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR junior.

What is your favorite season? I like spring. In spring, flowers start to bloom. The sun shines brightly and it is very warm. People spend more time outside, going for walks. Children play games in the park. There are many people at the park playing with their dogs. I love spring. What is your favorite season?

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

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 813

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR1.

I'm going to read the first [part] of a love story. Let's begin.

There was once a beautiful princess named River. Her mother, the queen, however, was not as beautiful as the princess. The queen felt bad that she was not the most beautiful woman in the kingdom anymore. She was tired of competing with her daughter. She made a decision. She prepared a drink for the princess. After the princess drank it, she fell asleep. Then the queen took the princess to the forest. She left the princess there. "Either she will be killed by animals or she will get lost in the forest," the queen thought.

The princess had a dream. She dreamt about a man with brown hair and brown eyes. It was the man she would wed.

That was all! Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 813

Greetings everyone! This is PR2 and I hope you are all staying healthy and motivated. So today, I would like to talk about my Australian friend, Alyse. She and I are best friends from high school, and we often discussed ~~about~~ cultural differences between the United States and Australia. Here is a comprehensive article on it – take a listen:

Australians tend to be more outward-looking than Americans. More than one third of the population was born abroad, as opposed to one in six Americans. Travel is regarded as a rite of passage; it's a given that young people will venture overseas, while Americans tend to stay closer to home or explore their own country. Australians arguably have a greater worldview than Americans. This is not in any way to say that Americans are xenophobic – but many people have limited experience of travel abroad. Other cultures and languages are simply alien to them and may make them feel uncomfortable.

Moreover, Australians believe firmly in 'mateship', showing loyalty to friends, family and colleagues. In Australian culture, people working in teams may be more loyal to the team than to their employer. Americans, on the other hand, may be more loyal to the concept of performance and profit and for many, covering their own back, in a culture where hiring and firing can be extremely rapid.

This article gives us a great insight into cultural differences between the two alike countries. Next time, I should keep these in mind when hanging out with Alyse! All right, that is all for today! See you!