

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 831

Hello, everyone! This is PR Junior.

Let's take a listen to a conversation [between] a boy and a girl.

Minnie: Hey, John! Long time no see! Did you stop coming to the park on Sunday?

John: I started swimming lesson two months ago so I cannot go anymore. How have you been?

Minnie: I have been doing great! A family just moved [in] next door so I made some new friends. If you have time, I'll introduce them to you.

John: That's very kind of you. Let's throw a party sometime soon.

That's all for today. See you!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 831

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR1!

This is the first part of a text about two farmers. Let's begin!

Andy was a responsible farmer, and Mary was a nice lady. But they were poor. They owed the town lord money for their land. One summer, their farm burned. One structure caught fire, and almost all [the] animals ran away. Only the cats stayed. So Andy and Mary had to bring in their crops without [the] animals' help.

On a fall day, the lord demanded his money. Andy asked if the lord could wait until he brought in his crops.

The lord was angry. He raised his hands high and yelled, "Pay me by the end of the week."

That was all for today. Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 831

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR2.

In the area of the Northwestern United States known as the Rocky Mountains, the first inhabitants were the Native Americans. The most widely accepted hypothesis is that they were descendants of Asians who crossed the Bering Sea and migrated down through present-day Alaska and Canada.

The first Caucasians to come were trappers and fur traders. For trinkets and beads, they could acquire valuable pelts from the Native Americans. Often they actually lived with the Native Americans, learning the ways of the wild, and even taking Native American wives. The same period marked the arrival of the first Christian missionaries. Besides spreading the Gospel, they often helped to educate the Native Americans, and provided an important cultural bridge.

Gold fever brought the next group, the miners. Most could do little more than cover their expenses, and the work was arduous and dirty. With each strike, towns could boom into thriving communities, or go bust, turning into ghost towns. In the next wave came more permanent residents, the farmers, ranchers, and often coming in wagon trains, they braved the perils of the trail for the promise of a fresh start in a pristine land. If their wagons lasted the distance, and if they could survive Native American attacks, droughts in the deserts, snowstorms in the high mountains and the difficult trip itself, they had the right to a homestead. That is, by building a home on a plot of previously unclaimed ground and staying there for a few years, the property would become legally theirs

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