

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 835

Greetings, everyone! This is PR Junior. How are you all doing?

Today is a warm sunny day, perfect for a picnic!

Have you ever gone on a picnic with your friends and family?

We are finally seeing an end to the pandemic, so I am certain that you will have more chances to go outside!

Some great picnic foods are fresh fruit, sandwiches, and snacks!

How about you? What would you bring to a picnic? Let me know next time! See you!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 835

Hi, guys! Welcome back to PR1.

Today, let's learn about Halloween.

Halloween is the festival related to ghosts and spirits in America. It is a fun holiday for children. One of the things people like to do on Halloween is to carve a jack-o-lantern. They get a big pumpkin, take all the insides out, and cut a face into the front. At night, they put a candle in it and place it outside the house. Children dress up in costumes and go from house to house to get candy. They ring the doorbell and shout 'trick or treat'. If you don't want to get played a trick on, then you have to give the children candy. Besides children, adults and youngsters also dress up and party to celebrate Halloween.

Alright, that's it. See you guys!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 835

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR 2!

Today I'll move onto the fourth part of the text on philosophy. Let's begin!

The last category of fashion is unique to the humanities since there is no permanent unfashionable category in the physical sciences. In philosophy, though, most changes in fashion don't take hold across the entire academy. Unfashionable pockets can persist in sub-disciplines and small departments, while the rest of the field moves on to new fascinations and tastemakers.

Unfashionable philosophers are those who are judged by the majority of their peers to be "asking the wrong questions". There is no expiration date on truth, to be sure, but in the field of philosophy there seems to be a limitation on how long certain questions may be asked in certain ways. Many of the fashionable philosophers from two or three generations ago are today considered unfashionable.

The gap between the fashionable and the unfashionable, though, is smaller than one might assume. Both fashionable and unfashionable philosophers tend to begin with rigorous readings of the foundational texts, but only those who find something "new and exciting" or "long lost" are welcomed into the fashionable camp. Philosophy is a capricious field, and if an idea isn't new, it tends not to be fashionable.

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