

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 848

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior.

This is the fourth part of a story called *French Adventure*. Let's begin!

The magic took them back in time. It took them to a busy town.

"There are no cars," said Charlie. "This must be a long time ago."

"I know where we are," said Bill. "We are in Paris. Look at all the flags."

That was all for today. I hope you liked the story and I'll see you next time! Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 848

Hi, everyone! Welcome back to PR 1!

Today I will talk about children's sleep. Let's begin!

Once upon a time, not so long ago, when the clock struck the magic hour, in a land where the bedroom's centerpiece was indeed the bed, children would quietly listen to a story until the sleep fairy carried them off to the land of nod. There they slept peacefully through the night, waking up feeling alert next morning, to live happily ever after. Alas, today, the electronic appliances of many kids' bedroom have transformed it into a time-free extension of cyberspace, with the sleep fairy and the land of nod having been zapped by aliens from planet "Messenger MSN".

That's all for today! See you!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 848

Hi, guys! Welcome to PR2.

If you go to the United States, you may see school buses running on the road, but the interesting thing is that they're all yellow! I wondered why they have got only one color so I searched about it, and here's what I found.

There were many different bus colors in the United States, several districts even planned to have red, white, and blue buses as a way of promoting patriotism among students. However, the matter was settled quickly. Yellow, or "National School Bus Glossy Yellow," as it is officially called by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, was chosen for its high visibility and the way it emphasized the bold, black writing that would be on the side of each bus to denote its respective school district. This yellow color is an important factor for vehicles that travel during early morning and late afternoon hours. Color has always been important to our daily routine. Thirty-five states made the changes promptly, and every state was on board by 1974.

That was amazing! I didn't know that the color of the bus was decided by the government. If you have a chance to go to the States, don't forget to look out for the yellow school bus! See you!