

Dictation Contest (PR Jr, 初級) No. 857

Hi there! How are you today? Welcome back to another PR Junior video.

Watermelon is the perfect fruit for summer, don't you think so? Let's look at its benefits together.

Watermelon helps maintaining water in your body and manages the sugar in [the] human body. Moreover, as it contains a lot of water, it gives you the feeling of fullness so it also helps in weight [loss], too. In this hot weather, watermelon can protect you from getting heat stroke, too.

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

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 857

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR1!

Today, you are going to listen to the second part of the text about Emily and her magical book. Let's begin!

The outline of the story was simple. It was about a magical place. Strange things happened there. One example from the book was about a boy who could control people. In one scene, he made his friends tell funny jokes.

Emily loved the book. She read it all the time. Then something strange happened. The book gave Emily a special power. She could control other people. She was like the boy in the book. During one exam, she made her friend tell silly jokes. Her friends got in trouble.

After school, Emily did not make a direct trip home. On the way, she went to the local store.

That was all for today! Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 857

Hi guys, welcome back to PR2.  
Hope you're all feeling well today!  
Today, I'd like to talk about crop circles.

Crop circles are not a modern phenomenon. As early as the late 17th century, circular designs were found in grain crops and recorded in academic text. However, the large number of eyewitness reports from England to Australia since 1970 has encouraged a more thorough examination of this phenomenon. To date, reports of more than 10,000 crop circles from almost thirty countries have been collected.

One of the problems associated with a serious scientific study of crop circles is the large number of hoaxers. Besides the famous team of Doug and Dave, who were attributed with creating a large number of circles in Britain, groups in New Zealand and in North America have been identified. Apparently, they flattened the crops by tromping through the field with heavy boots or by fastening planks of wood onto their boots to create intricate patterns without making footprints. In several experiments, most notably the 1998 demonstration supported by the Discovery Channel, a group of trained circle makers was paid to create patterns. The Discovery Channel test in New Zealand was mounted to prove that it was possible for teams to create patterns in a relatively short period of time. In less than four hours, they were able to make 100 circles intersecting in a pattern thirty feet in diameter.

Well, that's it for today. Tell me what you know about crop circles next time. Bye!