

Dictation Contest (PR Jr, 初級) No. 859

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior.

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

"The Eiffel Tower!" said the policeman. "There is no such thing."

Annie asked a lady. "Do you know where the Eiffel Tower is?" she asked.

"The Eiffel Tower!" said the lady. "There is no such thing."

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. 859

Hello, everyone! Welcome to PR1.

Today we'll be reading a letter written by a girl named Nancy.

Dear Aunt Emily,

I'm really looking forward to visiting you when I am in Boston next month. I'm sorry to hear you are not well and I hope you are getting better now. Please don't go against the doctor's advice and you will recover more quickly. Hopefully, I will have enough time to catch up with you during my stay. My aim is to cheer you up while I am visiting you. If you like, I will bring you to the ballet. It will be good for you to get out of the house for a while. Speaking of the ballet, I'm going tonight. I'll tell you about it when I see you.

Take care,

Nancy.

Alright, that's all for now. Bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 859

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR2!

Today I will talk about Paris's famous landmark.

A major fire has engulfed the medieval cathedral of Notre-Dame in Paris, one of France's most famous landmarks. The 850-year-old Gothic building's spire and roof have collapsed but the main structure, including the two bell towers, has been saved, officials say. Firefighters are still working to contain the blaze as teams try to salvage the artwork stored inside.

President Emmanuel Macron called it a "terrible tragedy". The cause of the fire is not yet clear.

Officials say it could be linked to the renovation work that began after cracks appeared in the stone, sparking fears the structure could become unstable.

Paris prosecutor's office said it had opened an inquiry into "accidental destruction by fire". A firefighter was seriously injured while tackling the blaze.

Visibly emotional, Mr Macron said the "worst had been avoided" and vowed to launch an international fundraising scheme to rebuild the cathedral.

The fire began at around six-thirty and quickly reached the roof of the cathedral, destroying its stained-glass windows and the wooden interior before toppling the spire.

Some 500 firefighters worked to prevent one of the bell towers from collapsing. More than four hours later, fire chief Jean-Claude Gallet said the main structure had been "saved and preserved" from total destruction.

Sections of the cathedral were under scaffolding as part of the extensive renovations and 16 copper statues had been removed last week.

That's all for today! See you!