

Dictation Contest (PR Jr, 初級) No. 862

Hello, my dear PR Junior students!

Today, let's learn how our great, great grandparents stayed cool during the summer!

One hundred years ago, there were no "aircons," or air conditioning.

So, some people made curtains from twigs, or small branches, and other people ate cooling foods like melons and cold mangoes. They also wore loose, flowing clothes made out of cotton and linen of light colors.

How lucky are we to have air conditioners! Anyways, that is all for today—see you!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 862

Hi guys! Welcome back to PR1.

Do you guys ride bicycles often? Today, let's read an article on bicycle lanes.

Sunbury City will spend 24 million tax dollars to provide 300 kilometers of bicycle lanes around the city. In recent years, the number of cyclists has increased and as a result, so has the number of accidents and traffic delays.

Even though many experts predict that accidents and traffic problems will decrease when the bicycle lanes are completed, a lot of drivers are against them. Drivers don't agree with using tax to create bicycle lanes because drivers already pay a yearly fee to use the roads. They think that bicycle riders should pay a yearly fee to use the bicycle lanes, too.

Alright, that's it for now. See you next time! Bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 862

Hi, everyone! Welcome to PR2.

Today I would like to talk about AI, or artificial intelligence.

AI is widely being used all over the world by people in all careers. We all know its advantages but what if somebody asks you to explain the thing called AI in words? That might be challenging, right? So today I prepared a short story about it and how it works for you all. Let's take a listen.

AI is essentially software that can learn patterns from information. Think language, images, audio, online behavior and more. Using patterns from existing and new data, AI makes predictions to perform tasks that normally require human intelligence – like finding products we're likely to buy or finishing a sentence in an email. But, How does it work?

Take a customer service chatbot, for example. After you type a question, the chatbot uses an algorithm to recognize keywords and identify what kind of help you need. The machine learning model, which is based on the existing and new information it has, generates an appropriate response. The chatbot improves over time as it interacts with new customers and receives more data.

Sounds interesting! Next time we'll look more into why chatbots like ChatGPT are sounding more human. See you next time! Good bye!