

### Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 865

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior.

Today, let's continue our story of farts!

Some farts smell bad, and some don't. When you fart after eating meat, fish, eggs, or things like that, your farts smell really bad. When you fart after eating sweet potatoes or beans, however, they don't smell much. However, eating foods like these makes us fart a lot. Holding farts in may get you sick, so pass that gas!

Alright, that's it for the story of farts. See you next time, bye!

### Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 865

Hi, everyone! This is PR1. Are you ready? Let's start!

A girl throws yellow paint in my face.

I'm not angry. I laugh and throw paint at her. This is fun! This is Carnival Trinidad and Tobago style. Carnival is a festival that takes place before the Christian season of Lent, 40 days before Easter. It's two o'clock in the morning on Dirty Monday and we are having a street party.

People get dressed in old clothes and throw mud and paint at each other. But tomorrow the serious celebrations begin. People spend the whole year making costumes and songs for Carnival. Tomorrow is their big day. There is a competition for the best costumes and songs.

The winners get money and a car. It's a serious business. So, why don't you come to Trinidad to celebrate Carnival?

That's all for today. Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 865

Hi, everyone! Welcome back to PR 2!

Today I'll talk about African Americans. Let's begin.

Recent discussions about the plight of African Americans – specifically those at the bottom of the social ladder – tend to divide into two camps. On the one hand, there are those who highlight the structural constraints on the life chances of black people. Their viewpoint involves a subtle historical and sociological analysis of slavery, Jim Crowism, job and residential discrimination, skewed unemployment rates, inadequate health care, and poor education. On the other hand, there are those who stress the behavioral impediments on black upward mobility. They focus on the waning of the Protestant ethic – hard work, deferred gratification, frugality, and responsibility – in much of black [America].

Those in the first camp – the liberal structuralists – call for full employment, health, education, and child-care programs, and broad affirmative-action practices. In short, a new, more sober version of the best of the New Deal and the Great Society: more government money, ~~more~~ better bureaucrats, and an active citizenry. Those in the second camp – the conservative behaviorists – promote self-help programs, black business expansion, and non-preferential job practices. They support vigorous “free market” strategies that depend on fundamental changes in how black people act and live. To put it bluntly, their projects rest largely upon a cultural revival of the Protestant ethic in black America.

That's all for today! See you!