

Dictation Contest (PR Jr, 初級) No. 868

Hello, everyone! This is PR Junior. Are you ready?

Mt. Fuji is special to many people. Some paint it. Others pray to it. It is a symbol of Japan. From the late 1900s, the number of climbers increased. Many of them dropped litter on the paths. They left behind plastic bottles and cans. The paths were messy. My friends and I felt upset about situation. We talked about the problem. We decided, "We will make a group. We will clean the paths on Mt. Fuji."

Will you join us? Let's save Mt. Fuji for future generations.

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 868

Hi, guys! Welcome back to PR1.

Let's continue reading about bicycle lanes today.

The people promoting the planned bicycle lanes explain that they believe more people should ride bicycles. Therefore, their plan is to spend money on things that make bicycle riding more attractive. In fact, the plan goes further. The city is considering asking drivers who enter the city center to pay a fee. Their goal is to have fewer cars in the city with more people using buses, trains, and bicycles.

Fewer cars also means fewer needs for road repairs and new roads. City leaders say that it will save money and the environment. It could even result in a fitter and stronger community.

What do you guys think about adding new bicycle lanes? See you next time, bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 868

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR 2.

Did you know that electric vehicles (EVs) have been around for much longer than you might think?

While they seem like a recent innovation, the concept of electric cars dates back to the early 19th century. In fact, the first practical electric vehicle was built by Scottish inventor Thomas Parker in 1884.

Parker's creation utilized non-rechargeable batteries and had a range of about 10 miles, a significant achievement for its time. However, the limitations of battery technology and the rise of internal combustion engines led to the decline of electric vehicles in favor of gasoline-powered cars.

It wasn't until the 21st century that electric vehicles experienced a renaissance, driven by advancements in battery technology, environmental concerns, and a push for sustainable transportation. The introduction of lithium-ion batteries, with their higher energy density and longer lifespan, revolutionized the EV industry. Companies like Tesla played a pivotal role in popularizing electric cars by combining sleek design, cutting-edge technology, and impressive performance.

Today, electric vehicles have evolved into a mainstream transportation option, with constantly improving battery capabilities, charging infrastructure, and a growing range of models to choose from. This resurgence highlights the cyclical nature of technological innovation and how ideas from the past can find new life in a different era.

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