

Dictation Contest (PR Jr, 初級) No. 869

Hi, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior.

This is a letter to reply to Joe. Let's continue!

I'm excited to see you! You're so lucky. I want to live by the beach, too. As you know, I live in Iowa, and the beach is really far from here. Will we have time to go surfing? My mom said there is a nice aquarium in Florida, right? Can we go there?

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

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 869

Hi, everyone! Welcome back to PR1.

Today, I'm going to talk about Uncle George's farm. Let's begin.

Stacey is fourteen years old and lives in America with her family. One day, Stacey's father said, "Let's visit your Uncle George next weekend! Uncle George is a farmer and lives in the countryside."

Stacey was excited because she['d] never visited a farm before.

On Saturday, Stacey and her family took a train to the farm. When they arrived there, Stacey was surprised. The farm was very big and there were many animals. The next day, they had milk, bacon, and eggs for breakfast. They were delicious!

Stacey liked the farm very much. She asked Uncle George, "Can I come here again?"

Her uncle said, "Of course!"

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

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 869

Hello, everyone! Welcome to PR2.

Today we'll be talking about false rumours. Take a listen.

Rumours spread by two different but overlapping processes: popular confirmation and in-group momentum. The first occurs because each of us tends to rely on what others think and do. Once a certain number of people appear to believe a rumour, others will believe it too, unless they have good reasons to think it is false. Most rumours involve topics on which people lack direct or personal knowledge, and so most of us often simply trust the crowd. As more people accept the crowd view, the crowd grows larger, creating a real risk that large groups of people will believe rumours even though they are completely false.

In-group momentum refers to the fact that when like-minded people get together, they often end up believing a more extreme version of what they thought before. Suppose that members of a certain group are inclined to accept a rumour about, say, the evil intentions of a certain nation. In all likelihood, they will become more committed to that rumour after they have spoken to each other. Indeed, they may move from being tentative believers to being absolutely certain, even though their only new evidence is what other members of the group believe.

Okay, that's it for now. See you in class, bye!