

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 874

Hey, guys! How are you doing?

Do you like going to the cinema?

I really enjoy watching movies at the cinema, but I don't go very often. I usually only go to the cinema if I think a new movie will look especially good on the big screen – so, usually just action or sci-fi movies, or any movie with impressive visuals. I also really like eating popcorn! It's part of the cinema experience for me.

What about you? Do you prefer watching movies at the cinema or at home?

See you next time!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 874

Hi, everyone! Welcome back to PR1.

Today, let's talk about our hearing!

We use our ears to hear. We use our sense of hearing to listen to people when they talk to us or to hear a car coming. Our ears can hear very loud noises, like fireworks, and very quiet noises, like whispers. Our hearing tells us where we are and where a noise is coming from, and that can help us be safe.

Our ears are important for more than hearing. They help us keep our balance so that we can walk, run, and play games. The fluid in our cochlea inside our ears move[s] up and down and tells our brain if we are standing, sitting, or moving around. This is why we lose balance when we spin around.

Well, that's all. Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 874

Hi, guys, and welcome to PR2.

Let's take a listen to an article about the oldest tree in the world. Let's begin.

The Great Basin Bristlecone Pine has been deemed the oldest tree in existence, reaching an age of over 5,000 years old. The bristlecone pine's success in living a long life can be attributed to the harsh conditions it lives in. Very cold temperatures associated with high winds, in addition to a slow growth rate, create dense wood. This means some years they grow so slowly, they don't add a ring of growth. Due to the slow growth and dense wood, the bristlecone pine is resistant to insects, fungi, rot, and erosion. The lack of vegetation where they grow make bristlecone pines rarely affected by wildfires. These slow-growing trees can reach a height of 50 feet and a trunk diameter of 154 inches. Even the needles on these fascinating trees live up to 30 years long. This allows the trees to conserve energy by not having to reproduce new ones. It takes about two years for the bristlecone pine cone to reach maturity, which is unique amongst trees in the conifer family. The bristlecone pine gets its name from the cones whose scales appear to have a claw-like bristle.

That's all for today. See you in class!