

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 884

Hi, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior!

Today I will talk about tug-of-war. It is a sport where you pull ropes. Let's begin!

The wild animals said, "Look how strong we are!"

The farm animals said, "We are as strong as you."

"Let's have a tug of war. We will see who is stronger," they said.

The animals got a long rope. They tied a knot in the middle. They made two lines on the ground.

That's all for today! See you!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 884

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR1!

Today, you are going to listen to the last part of the text about the race. Let's begin!

The rabbit went to sleep.

Hours later, a loud sound woke him. All of the animals were yelling and looking at the field.

He felt fear for the first time. The turtle was almost at the finish line. Now, the rabbit realized his mistake. But the race was over. He gave the turtle an opportunity to win, and the turtle took it. The duck handed the turtle his prize. It was the happiest day of the turtle's life.

The dog was happy for the turtle. "He isn't fast," the dog thought. "But he tried his best and did something great."

That was all! Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 884

Hello, everyone! Welcome to PR2.

Today we'll be talking about how humans can be a geological force. Let's begin.

I live in a nice old apartment building in Edinburgh: several floors of individual flats, all connected by an internal staircase made of sandstone. The building is at least a century old, and nowadays each of those sandstone steps is looking a little worn. This wear is the result of a century of people walking up and down from their flats. As they have left for and returned from work, as they have gone out to shops or for dinner, many times a day the feet of the people living here have fallen upon each stair. As every geologist knows, even a small force, repeated over a large enough stretch of time, can add up to some very large effects indeed. A century of footsteps is quite a lot. If each of thirty-five residents travelled up and down the staircase four times a day on average, then each step has been struck by at least ten million feet since it was laid down.

When I climb this staircase to my flat, I enjoy the daily reminder that humans are a geological force. If ten million people were all sent up this staircase one by one, it would take less than eight months for their feet to wear away a centimeter of sandstone.

Okay, that's it for now. See you later!