

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 886

Hello, everyone! Welcome back to PR Junior.

Today, I will read about Hungry Floppy. Let's begin!

A family went camping. They put up a tent. It took a long time to put up the tent. Floppy was hungry. Floppy was so hungry, he ran off to look for food.

A man was cooking. "That smells good," thought Floppy, "and I'm so hungry."

"Go away!" called the man. "You can't have our dinner."

Floppy ran off.

Okay, let's continue in the next movie. See you!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 886

Hi, everyone! Welcome back to PR1.

Let's take a listen to an article called *Paper ID*. Let's begin.

Thanks to modern technology, there are now a number of ways of checking people's identities, such as recording their fingerprints or their DNA. Paper documents like passports and driver's licenses also need to be checked. There is a growing need for an easier way of finding out whether documents are genuine or fake. Now, a team of scientists at Imperial College London has accidentally discovered such a method. The team was trying to create microchips that could be attached to documents. These chips did not store any information, but each one had a unique pattern that could be identified by a laser scanner.

Let's stop here and we'll continue in the next video. That's all for today. Bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 886

Hi, everyone! Welcome back to PR2.

Today, you are going to listen to a story about dolphins' language.

While many animals make sounds, the idea that certain animal sounds form a "language" is more debatable. This particularly holds true with dolphins, which actively squeak and click among themselves. Scientists have established that dolphins are one of the most intelligent species on earth, and like humans, they practice complex social behavior. As part of this, dolphins create signature [whistles] that act as a unique "names" that are recognized within a dolphin group and among relatives. Dolphin whistles range easily into the hundreds and are possibly systematic enough to qualify as a language. Fascinated researchers have theorized that certain [whistles] are used to alert a group to danger or food [sources], call for help, or assert dominance.

However, scientists have been unable to verify whether dolphins are really communicating in a way similar to humans, or whether whistles are confined to basic survival functions. Since dolphins, like humans, are renowned for their love of play, it is uncertain which whistles might actually be for communication and which are just random sounds generated for enjoyment. It is also possible that whistles create bonds between dolphins but have no real linguistic content. All in all, the intelligence of dolphin[s] is widely recognized by marine scientists. Nevertheless, they lack knowledge about exactly what dolphins are "saying," why they are saying it, and if indeed they are using a language in the sense that human[s] do.

That is all for today, bye-bye!