

Dictation Contest (PRJr, 初級) No. 888

Hello, everyone!

Today, let's learn about the polar bear!

Where do they live?

Polar Bear[s] live near the North Pole. The sea is frozen most of the year.

What would their family be like?

Polar bear families are small. Most families have one mother and two cubs!

Fathers and other polar bears do not live with a family. Adult polar bears spend most of their time alone.

That was all for today! See you!

Dictation Contest (PR 1, 中級) No. 888

Hi, everyone! Welcome back to PR1.

We'll learn about our sense of touch today!

When we touch things, we know if they are hard like a bat, or soft like a pillow. We also know if they are hot like a candle or cold like ice cubes. Things we touch can also feel rough like sandpaper, or smooth like glass, or slippery like oil. Glue is sticky, balls are round, and pencils are pointy.

Our skin has millions of nerves. We use them all to feel things we touch and to feel things around us like the sun and the wind. Our body is covered with skin, so we use our sense of touch from our fingers all the way to our toes. The skin is the largest organ we have!

Alright, that's it for today. Bye-bye!

Dictation Contest (PR2 上級) No. 888

Hi, everyone, and welcome back to PR2!

Today I would like to give you an update on the Maui wildfires.

County officials released an FBI-verified list of 388 people who remain unaccounted for more than two weeks after the deadliest wildfire in over a century tore through parts of the island and scorched the historic community of Lahaina.

As of August 25th, 115 people have been confirmed dead but the number is expected to rise. Search crews continue to comb through the burned areas of Lahaina and other parts of west Maui ravaged by fire, and investigators are hoping to hear from loved ones of the missing. Maui Police Chief John Pelletier said investigators know "once those names come out, it can and will cause pain for folks whose loved ones are listed."

Moreover, the Environmental Protection Agency began work on Wednesday to remove and dispose of hazardous waste from properties affected by the wildfires in Kula. This work included surveying, removing, and disposing of hazardous waste materials such as paints, cleaners, solvents, oils, batteries, and pesticides.

A second phase will remove fuel from pressurized cylinders, tanks, and items thought to have asbestos. During work, EPA will conduct air monitoring for particulate matter and air sampling for heavy metals and asbestos.

It is truly heartbreaking to read about the catastrophic damage that the residents are now currently facing, and we wish for the situation to improve in the very near future.

That is all that I have today. See you next time!